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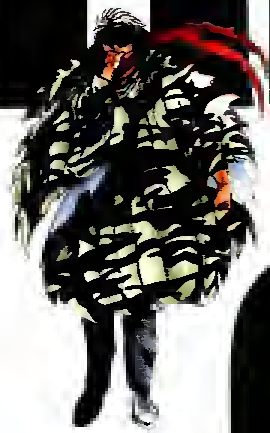

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

YONA

SAIGA RIKI-OH

MUKAI

THE STORY THUS FAR:

Set in the near future, at the privately-owned [redacted] State Prison. Like the chilling wind of the end of a century, a mysterious man with a six-pointed star on his fist entered the pen.

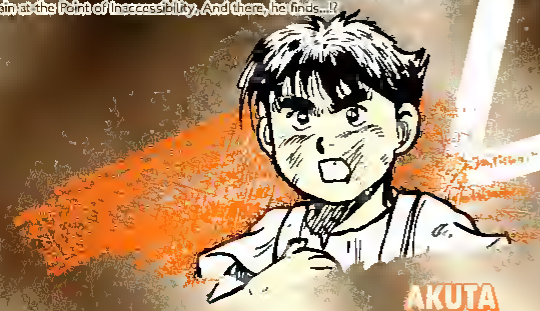
Saiga Riki-Oh — serving a term of three years, due to assault, his first offense. Rebelling against those who control the prison [redacted] lashing out at their depravity, Riki-Oh drew closer to the [redacted] which he was searching for. "That man [redacted] be at the cape" — Following the last words of the **Warden** who he killed, Riki-Oh turned towards the cape.

The unmapped "cape" was actually a huge nuclear base. After breaking into the cape, Riki-Oh met the powerful Wakizashi, who sent him to a prison camp. It was there, however, that Riki-Oh met the very man he had been searching for — his younger brother, **Nachi**! His super-naturally gifted brother had [redacted] into a demon of a man, however, and Riki-Oh had no choice but to stand up against him. After defeating his sibling in a battle to the death, Riki-Oh started once again on a journey for a different mystery, and returned once again to Tokyo.

Tokyo, however, had already been reduced to a violence-ridden ruin of a city controlled by **Mizuguchi**, the man who destroyed Riki-Oh's family. In order to find out the secrets of his birth, Riki-Oh charges into Mizuguchi's mansion! There, however, he only heard one word: "**Chris**", before Mizuguchi was killed by one of Aneyama's spies. With that lone clue, Riki-Oh heads to the Saiga Manor, where his adopted father lives!

His adopted father had already been killed though. With his last words, he told Riki-Oh about his [redacted] **Oh Ilrei**, [redacted] was sent to jail and executed there. Searching for clues about his real father, Riki-Oh targeted Aneyama. At Aneyama's citadel, Riki-Oh is saved from death by energy from his brother Nachi's head, and is able to defeat Aneyama once and for all.

Realizing that his true enemy is a man named **Mukai** who lives in Antarctica, Riki-Oh travels to the glaciers with **Akuta** in tow. With the help of the pilot **Bill Hickok**, Riki-Oh is able to reach Mukai's domain at the Point of Inaccessibility. And there, he finds...!?



AKUTA

BILL HICKOK

RIKI 力王

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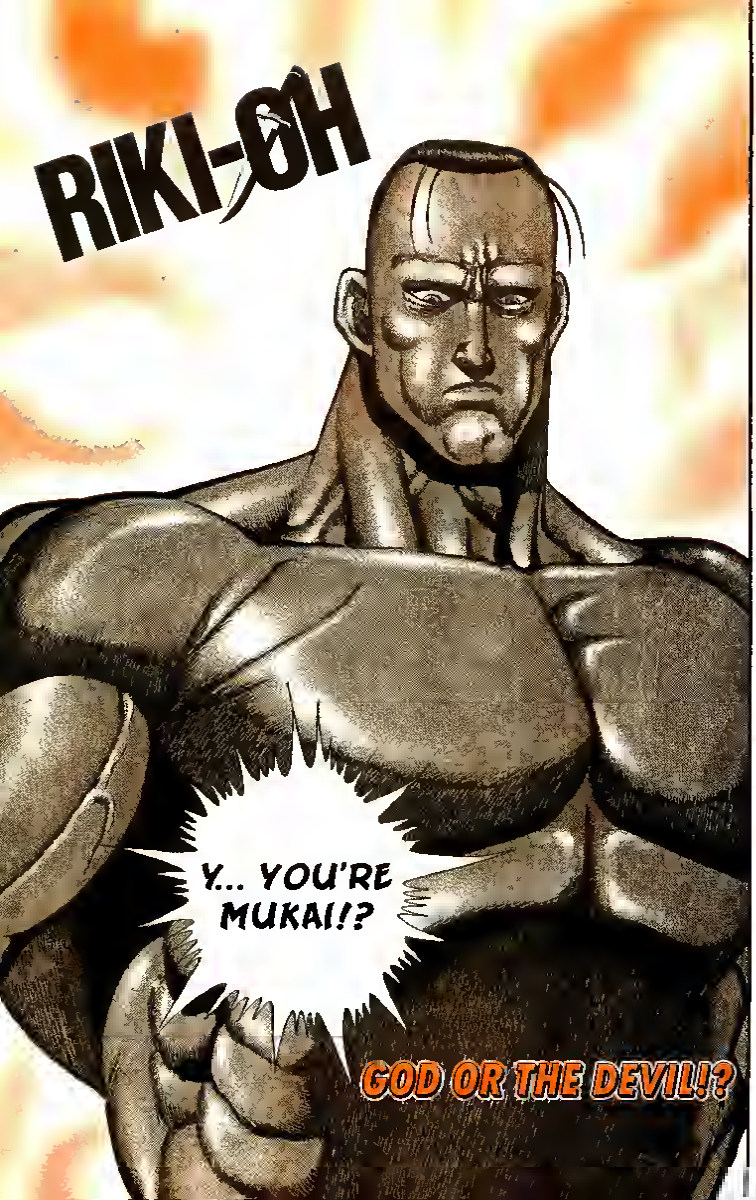
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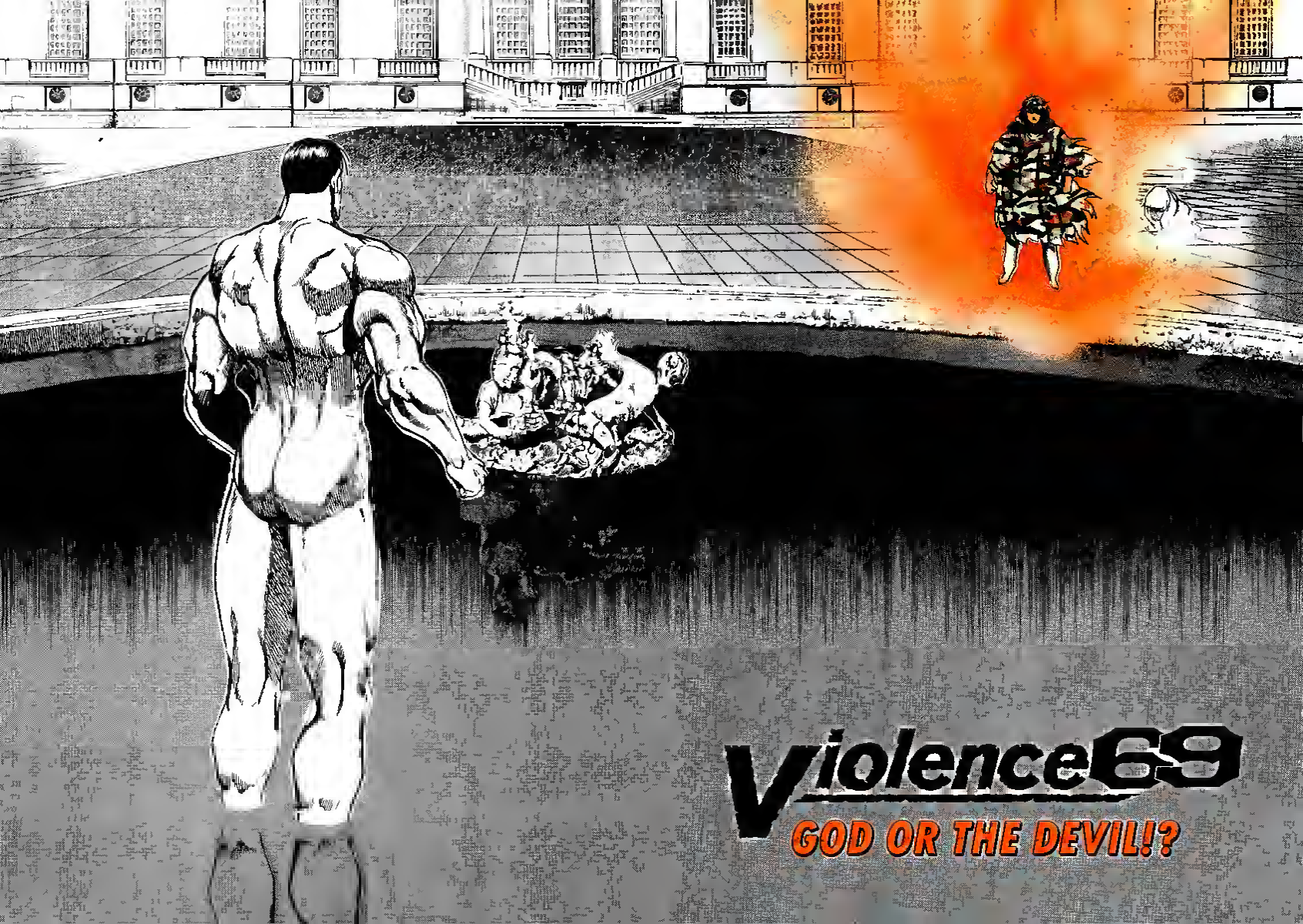
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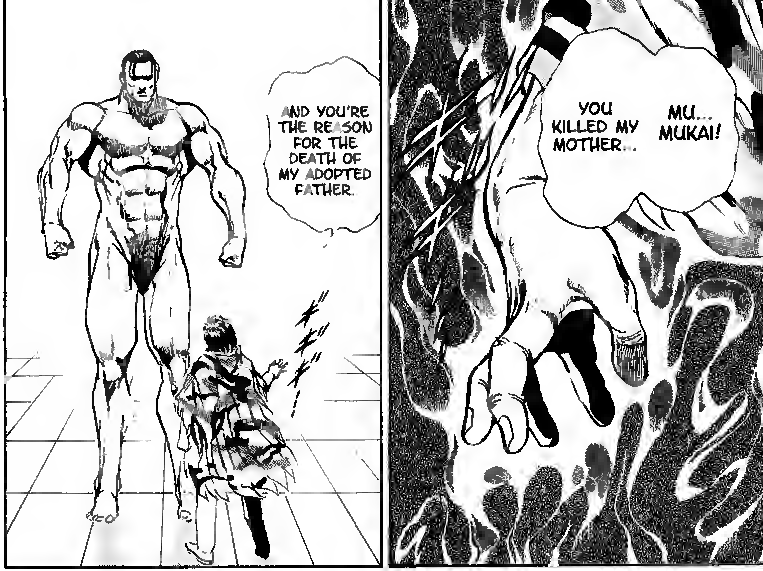

AND YOU'RE THE REASON FOR THE DEATH OF MY ADOPTED FATHER.
YOU KILLED MY MOTHER...
MU... MUKAI!

AND FINALLY, YOU MANIPULATED THE LIVES OF NACHI AND I!!

I CAME ALL THE WAY HERE IN ORDER TO DEFEAT YOU!!

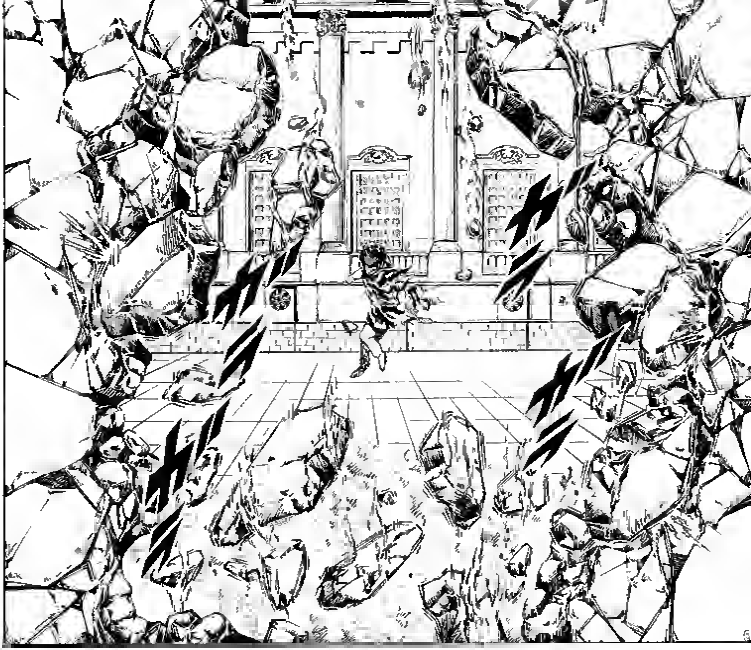
*PIERCING SWALLOW SPIRIT FIST

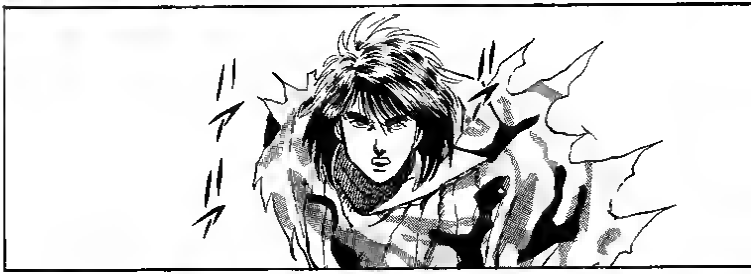
**REPEATED STRIKES OF THE GLORIOUS FIST

TCHHHH!

HONSHIN
HEKIKEN!*
*BURSTING SPIRITUAL WAVE FIST
KOKEN!**
**TIGER CLAW

CHOUYAKU RIGONTAI!! (SENPUU-KYAKU)*
*DANCING TRILLION-METER THIGH (WHIRLWIND KICK)





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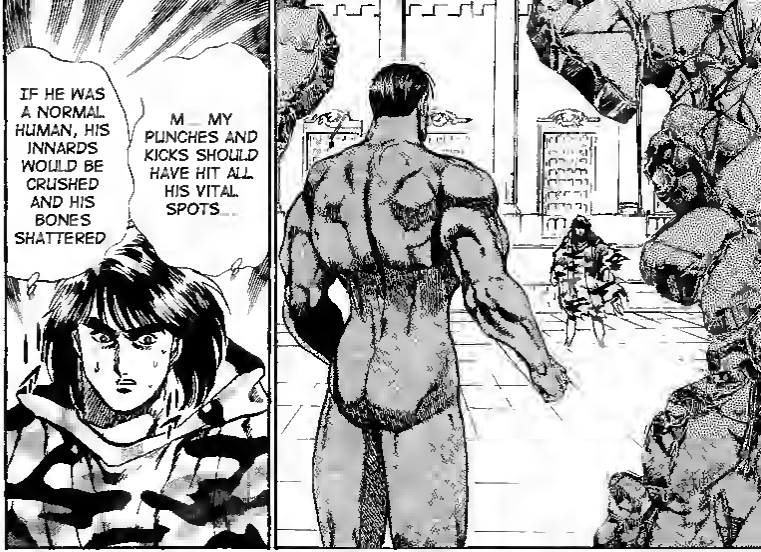
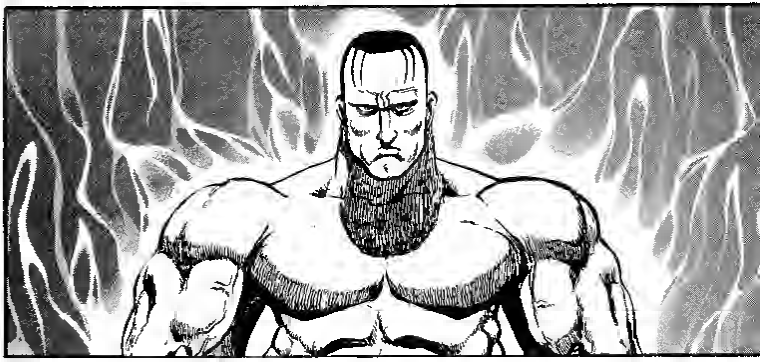
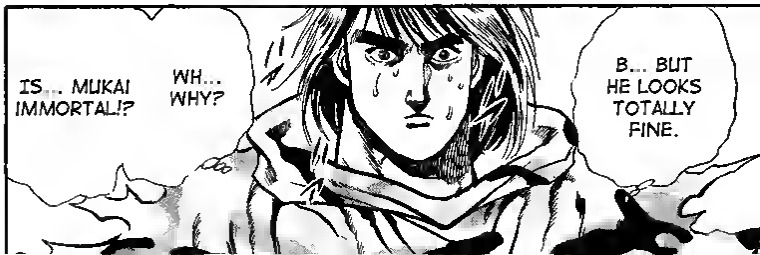
WHAT!?


IF HE WAS A NORMAL HUMAN, HIS INNARDS WOULD BE CRUSHED AND HIS BONES SHATTERED
M... MY PUNCHES AND KICKS SHOULD HAVE HIT ALL HIS VITAL SPOTS...




IS... MUKAI IMMORTAL!?
WH... WHY?
B... BUT HE LOOKS TOTALLY FINE.

NO ONE CAN DEFEAT ME.
I AM GOD.
G... GOD!?

WORSHIP ME.
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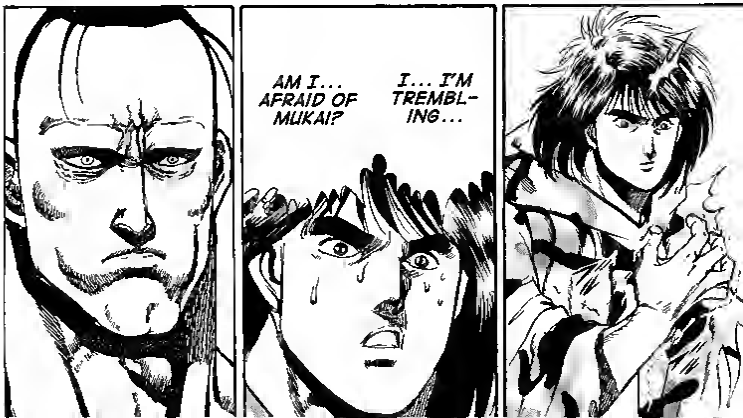

AM I... AFRAID OF MUKAI?
I... I'M TREMBL-ING...

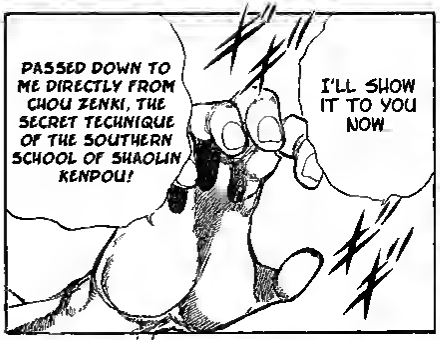
uuu...
YOU'RE A DEVIL INCARNATE THAT SENT THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE TO THEIR DEATHS!!
YOU ARE NOT GOD!

WHAT!?

UGAAHH!!

WAIT, MUKAI!!

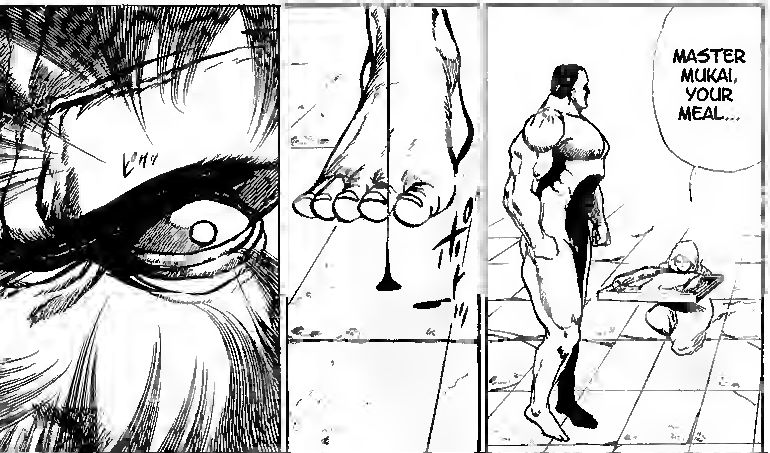
WE... WE'RE NOT FINISHED YET!


PASSED DOWN TO ME DIRECTLY FROM CHOU ZENKI, THE SECRET TECHNIQUE OF THE SOUTHERN SCHOOL OF SHAOLIN KENPOU!
I'LL SHOW IT TO YOU NOW

*PIERCING SPLIT DESTROYER

WH... WHAT!? HE JUST SHOT A KANTSUU REPPA!!

YOU'RE A PATHETIC MAN WHO KNOWS NOTHING OF ME


MASTER MUKAI, YOUR MEAL...

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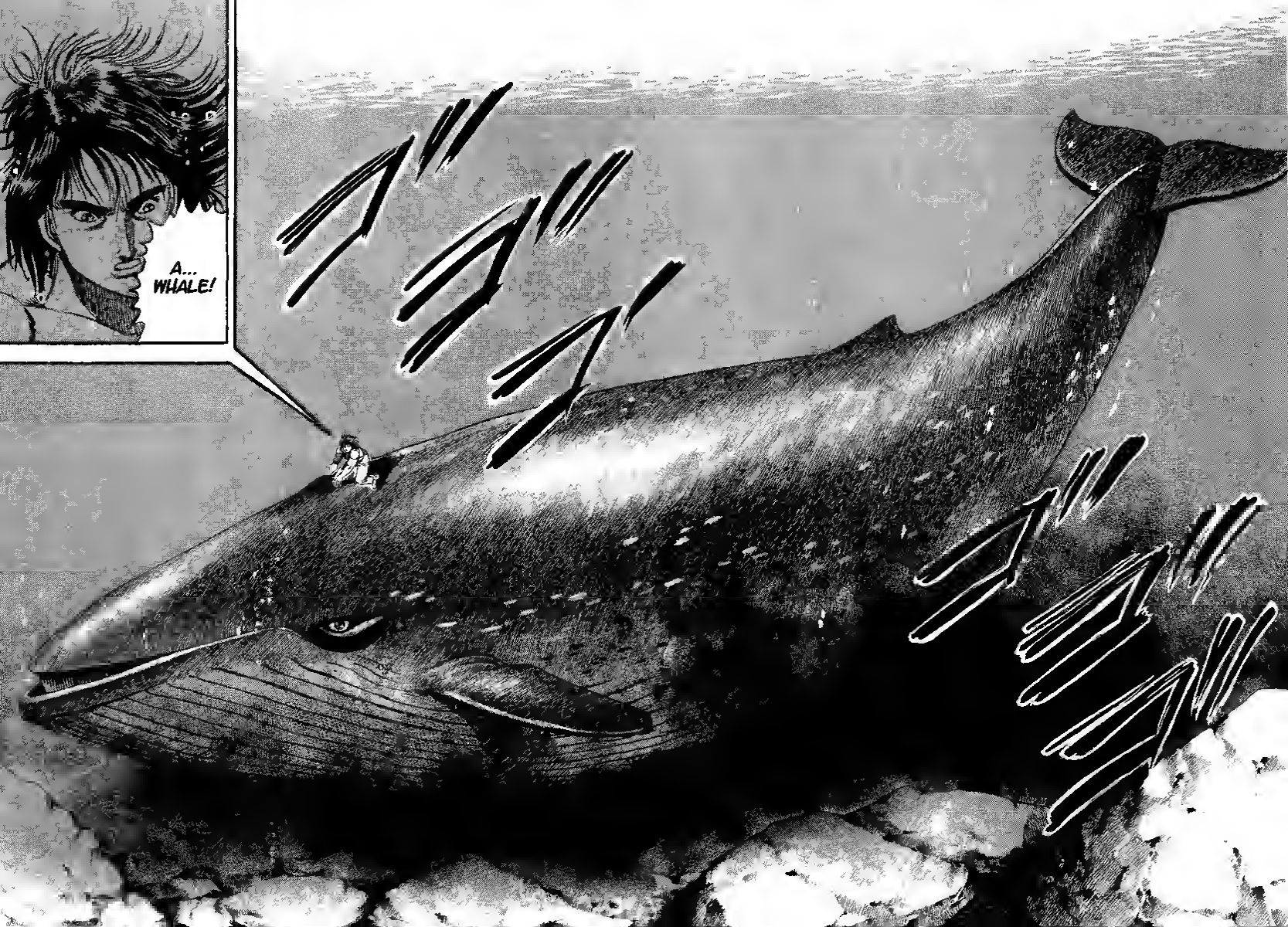
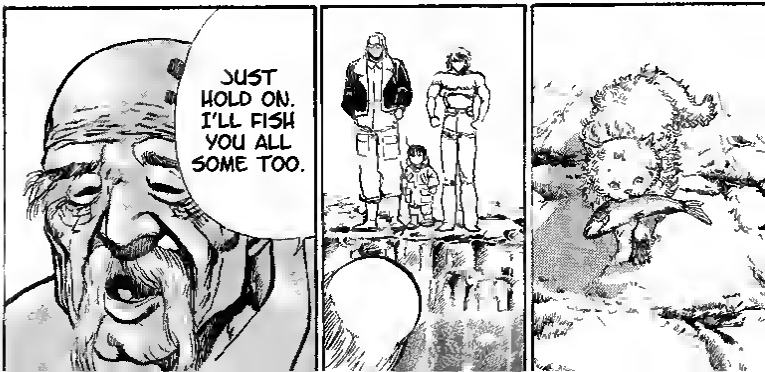

A...
WHALE!

TH... THIS PLACE!
THIS IS AN UNDERGROUND LAKE...!

BILL!
AKUTAAA!
HEEEEY, RIKI-OHHH!
WE SUDDENLY FELL ASLEEP IN THE FLOWER FIELD, AND NEXT THING WE KNEW, WE WERE DOWN HERE
ARE YOU TWO ALRIGHT?

WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU! NOT LIKE IT MATTERS, BUT...
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN!?
Ahh, he seriously left him.
I... I'm not into weird stuff like that!
But if you just want a little, then...
WU... WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT ME LIKE THAT FOR?
HMM?
MY EYE?
BILL, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR LEFT EYE!?
OH YEAH, GRAMPS OVER THERE HEALED MY EYE FOR ME! AHA, AHA!


JUST HOLD ON. I'LL FISH YOU ALL SOME TOO.

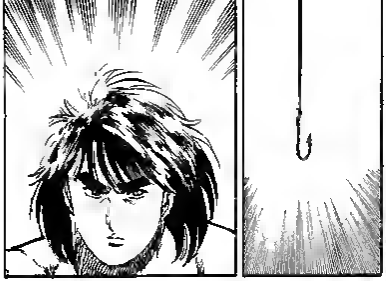
HE'S A WEIRD OLD GUY.
SOMEHOW, JUST WITH HIS HANDS, HE WAS ABLE TO FIX MY EYE.
JUST WITH HIS HANDS!?
HE SAYS HIS NAME'S YONA
APPARENTLY HE'S BEEN LIVING HERE EVER SINCE THE CROWN PRINCE OF AFRICA WAS ASSASSINATED BY A SERB
1914! THAT'S THE YEAR THE FIRST WORLD WAR STARTED, OVER 80 YEARS AGO...!?
IT'S NOT THAT SURPRISING THAT THING'S BEEN LIVING HERE EVEN A HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE I CAME

THAT SCAR ON HIS BACK IS A RELIC FROM A HUGE WHALE HUNT AROUND THE TURN OF THE CENTURY.
HEY THERE, YOUNG ONE WOULD YOU MIND TAKING OVER FOR ME WHILE I GO GATHER SOME MORE FIREWOOD?
SURE, GRANDPA, I'LL TAKE OVER FOR YOU!

WAH!
HOHOHO! IF YOU THINK OF IT AS A SMALL STICK, YOU'LL SINK BUT IF YOU THINK OF IT AS A BOAT, YOU WON'T.
EH?
YUP.
THE SAME REASON WHY YOUR SPECIAL TECHNIQUE DIDN'T WORK ON MUKAI
YOU WEREN'T BLOWN AWAY FROM THE "KI" MUKAI RELEASED, BUT RATHER FROM YOURSELF.

"KI" ISN'T A POWER THAT CAN BLOW OTHERS AWAY WITHOUT TOUCHING THEM, EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SHARPENED THEIR SENSES THROUGH TRAINING TOWARD THE "KI" ITSELF
THAT'S RIGHT. MASTER CHOU ZENKI TOLD ME THAT I SHOULD NEVER USE THE SOUSHOUSEN (KANTSUU REPPA) IF MY HEART ISN'T ABSOLUTELY CLEAR.
SHARPENED THEIR SENSES!?
AT THAT MOMENT, I HAD FELT FEAR TOWARDS MUKAI, BUT STILL FORCED MYSELF TO USE THE SOUSHOUSEN. MUKAI SIMPLY RELEASED ENOUGH "KI" TO BOUNCE IT BACK TOWARD ME AND BLOW ME AWAY WITH MY OWN POWER.

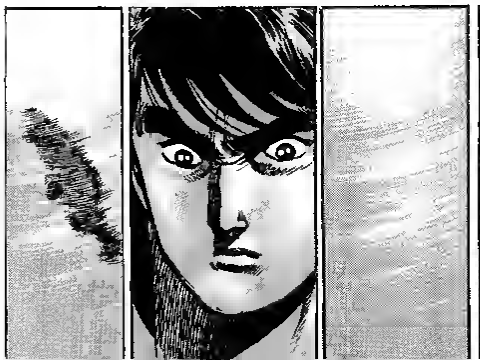
THE MUKAI IN MY HEART!?
YOU DIDN'T LOSE TO MUKAI. YOU LOST TO THE "MUKAI IN YOUR HEART."
YOU TRULY HATE MUKAI, AND HAVE BUILT HIM UP AS A TERRIBLY POWERFUL, FRIGHTENING MUKAI WITHIN YOUR HEART.
ON TOP OF THAT, FROM THE MOMENT YOU STARTED FIGHTING WITH HIM, YOU WERE BOUND BY THAT IMAGE YOU CREATED, EFFECTIVELY HALVING THE TOTAL POWER YOU HAD WAITING TO UNLEASH UPON HIM.
GRAMPS, THERE'S NO FISH ON THERE. IT MUST'VE RUN AWAY!
SEEMS LIKE THIS IS A BIG ONE
HO HOHO LOOK, I GOT SOME-THING
HM? I GOT A BITE.



HOHOHO... CAN YOU SEE THIS FISH?

HOHOHO. IF YOU CAN'T, THEN YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO BEAT MUKAI.

I'D JUST IGNORE HIM IF I WERE YOU.
HE'S A GOOD GUY, BUT THE STUFF HE SAYS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.

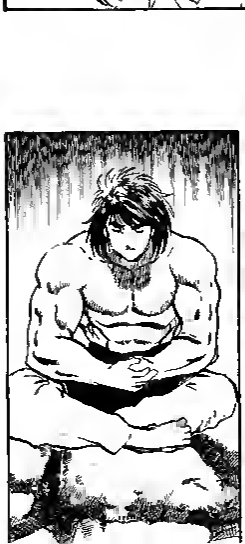


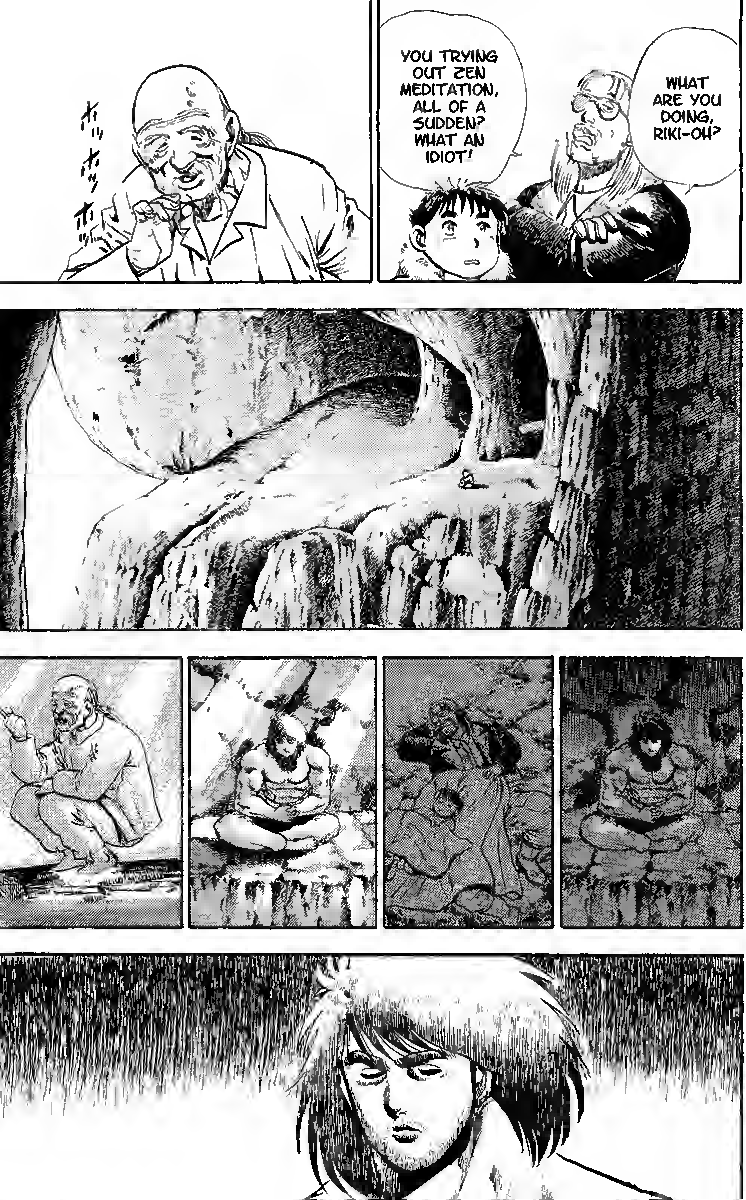
SHALL I LET IT GO FREE, THEN?

WHY HAVE YOU BEEN HERE IN ANTARCTICA FOR 80 YEARS...?
YONA... JUST WHO ARE YOU?
HOHOHO... ME, HUH? I AM A HUMAN THAT WAS HURT BY GOD.
THEN IT LOOKS LIKE YOU MAY HAVE A SMALL CHANCE OF BEATING MUKAI AFTER ALL.
HOHOHO, SEEMS LIKE YOU FINALLY SAW IT.
BY GOD...!?
MUKAI AND I
WAIT, DID YOU AND MUKAI...?
I AM GOD...

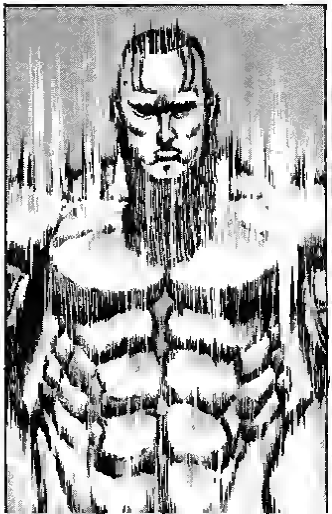
MUKAI AND I ARE THE DESCENDANTS FROM THE 2700-YEAR OLD "BLOODLINE OF GOD'S CHOSEN ONES." I FOUGHT WITH MUKAI FOR THE "THRONE OF GOD," LOST, AND FELL DOWN HERE.

BLOODLINE OF GOD'S CHOSEN ONES




YOU TRYING OUT ZEN MEDITATION, ALL OF A SUDDEN? WHAT AN IDIOT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RIKI-OH?

HAAH, ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT. I ADMIT IT, YOU'VE DONE WELL! YOU HAVEN'T EATEN OR DRANK FOR THREE DAYS ALREADY!

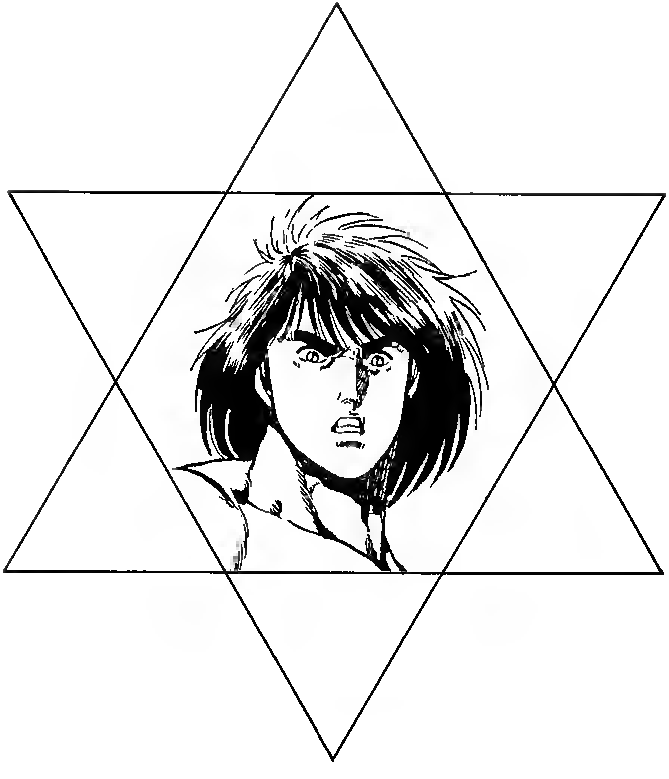


NO ONE CAN DEFEAT ME.
I AM GOD.
MUKAIIII...

AN ILLU-
SION...?
YOU JUST WON AGAINST THE MUKAI IN YOUR HEART
THERE IS NOTHING MORE FOR YOU TO BE AFRAID OF. USE ALL THAT POWER YOU HAVE WAITING INSIDE TO DEFEAT MUKAI

YONA...
AND TAKE THIS YOUNG ONE TO MUKA!!!
COME OUT, BIG FISH!

TO MUKAI!!
GO, RIKI-OH...



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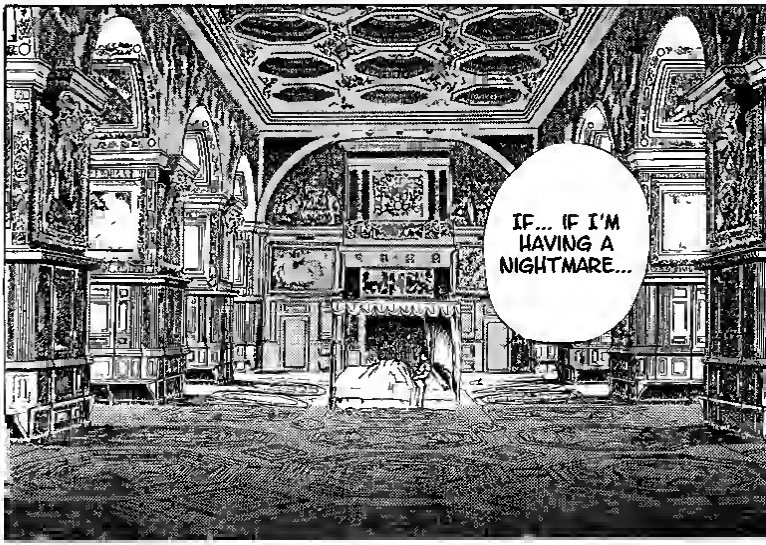
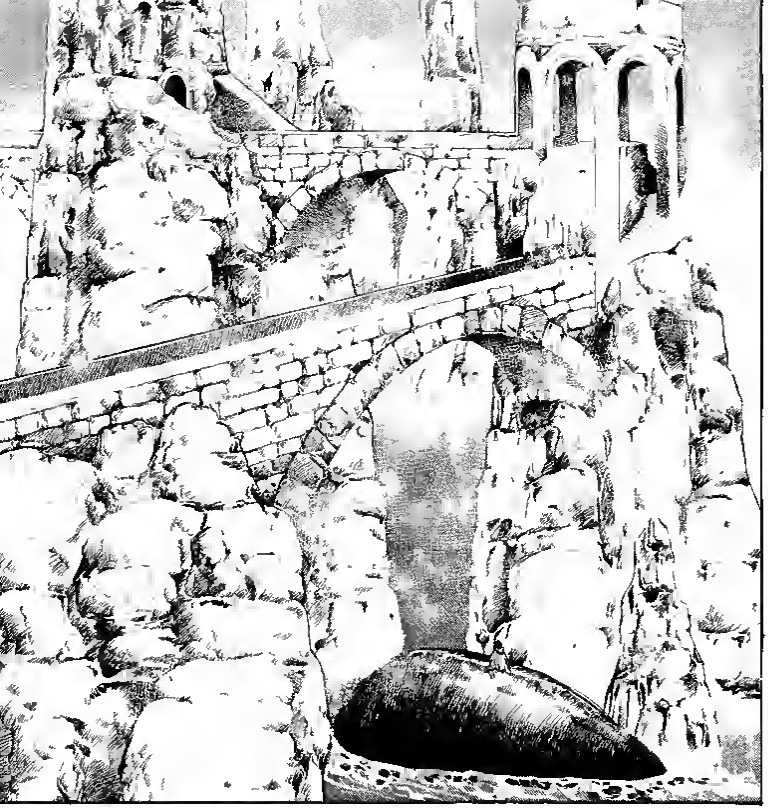

IF... IF I'M HAVING A NIGHTMARE...

IT MUST MEAN THIS WOUND HAS PIERCED DEEP INTO MY SOUL.



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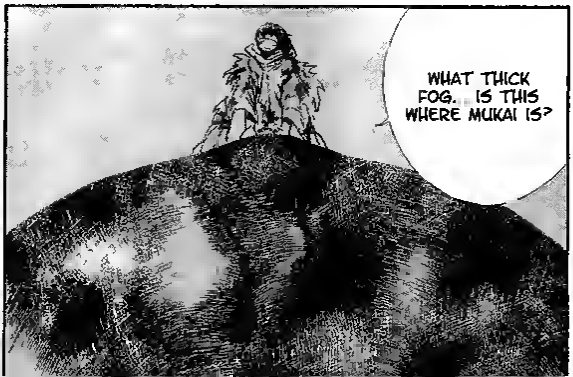
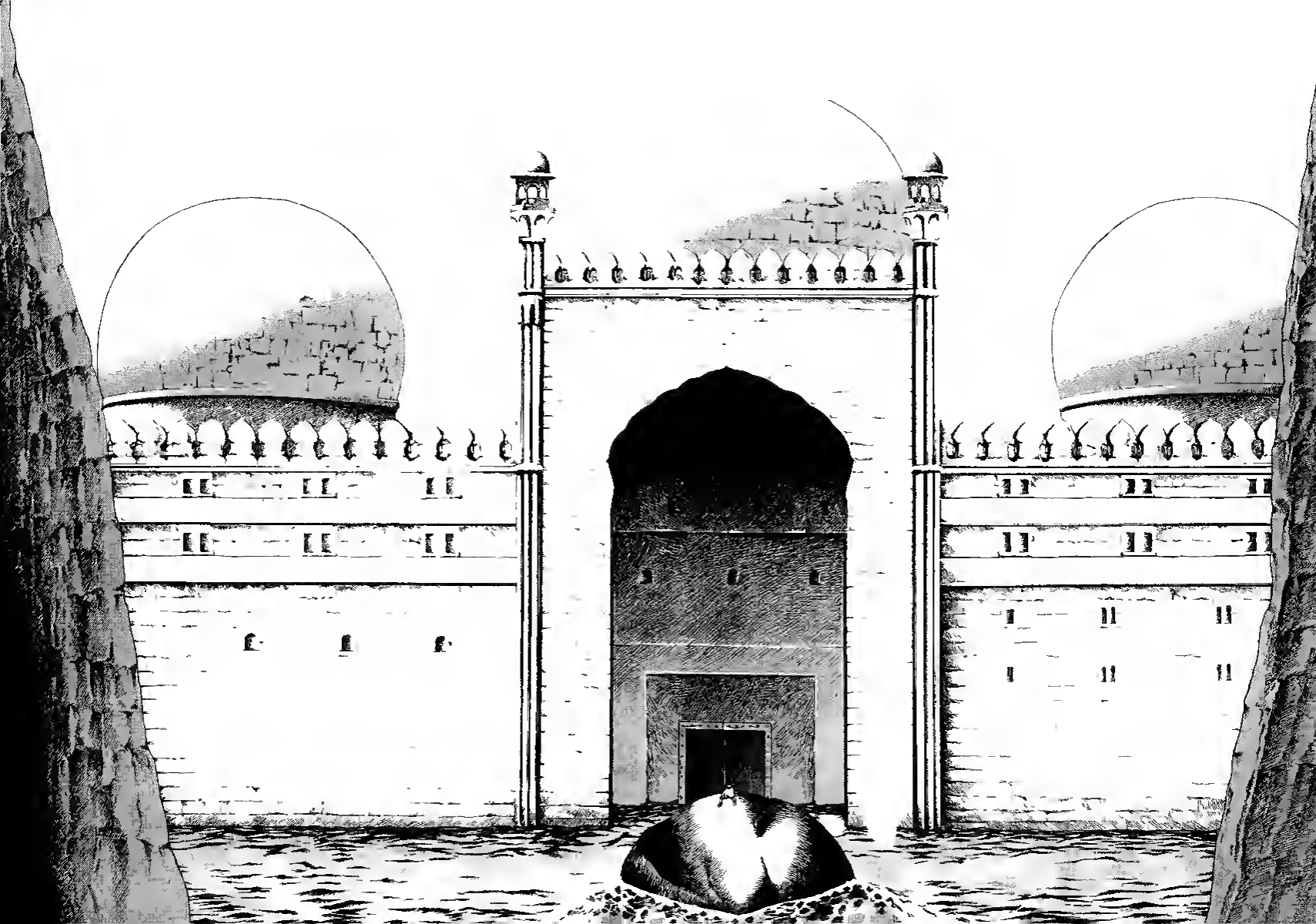
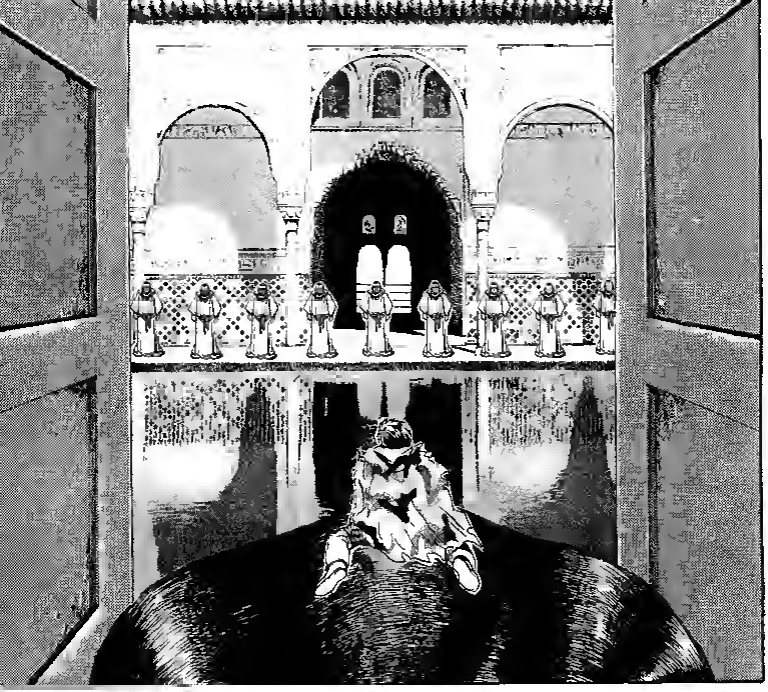

WHAT THICK FOG... IS THIS WHERE MUKAI IS?



BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THEY'RE COMING TOWARD ME
MUKAI'S SOLDIERS?



WHERE IS MUKAI?

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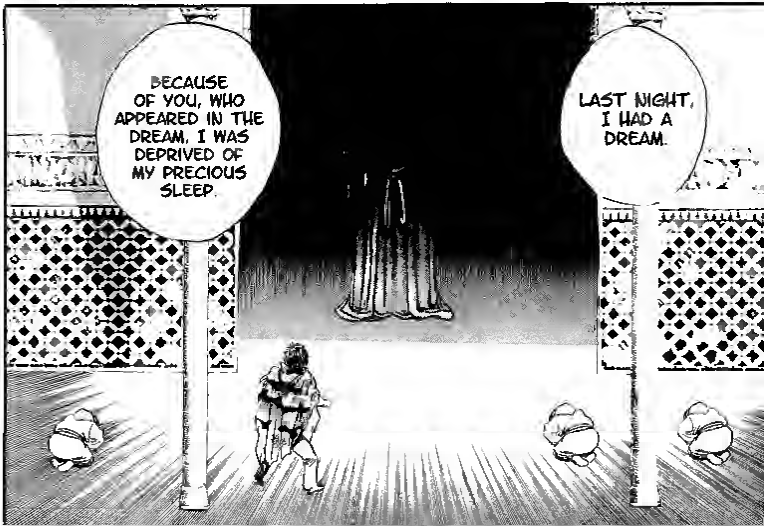

LAST NIGHT, I HAD A DREAM.
BECAUSE OF YOU, WHO APPEARED IN THE DREAM, I WAS DEPRIVED OF MY PRECIOUS SLEEP.

MUKAI!
I MUST SHAKE OFF THIS NIGHTMARE!
YOU TRULY THINK A HUMAN CAN DEFEAT GOD?
RIDICU-LOUS
I'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOU SLEEP FOREVER THIS TIME

WHICH MEANS THEY CAN ALSO KILL HIM!!
GOD IS SOMETHING HUMANS CREATED...

IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE SOMEHOW GOTTEN A BIT STRONGER
I'M NOT THE SAME MAN YOU DEFEATED BACK THEN
THANKS TO A CERTAIN SOMEONE, I WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT THE "MUKAI WITHIN MY HEART"
KUKUKU... YONA?
A CERTAIN SOMEONE

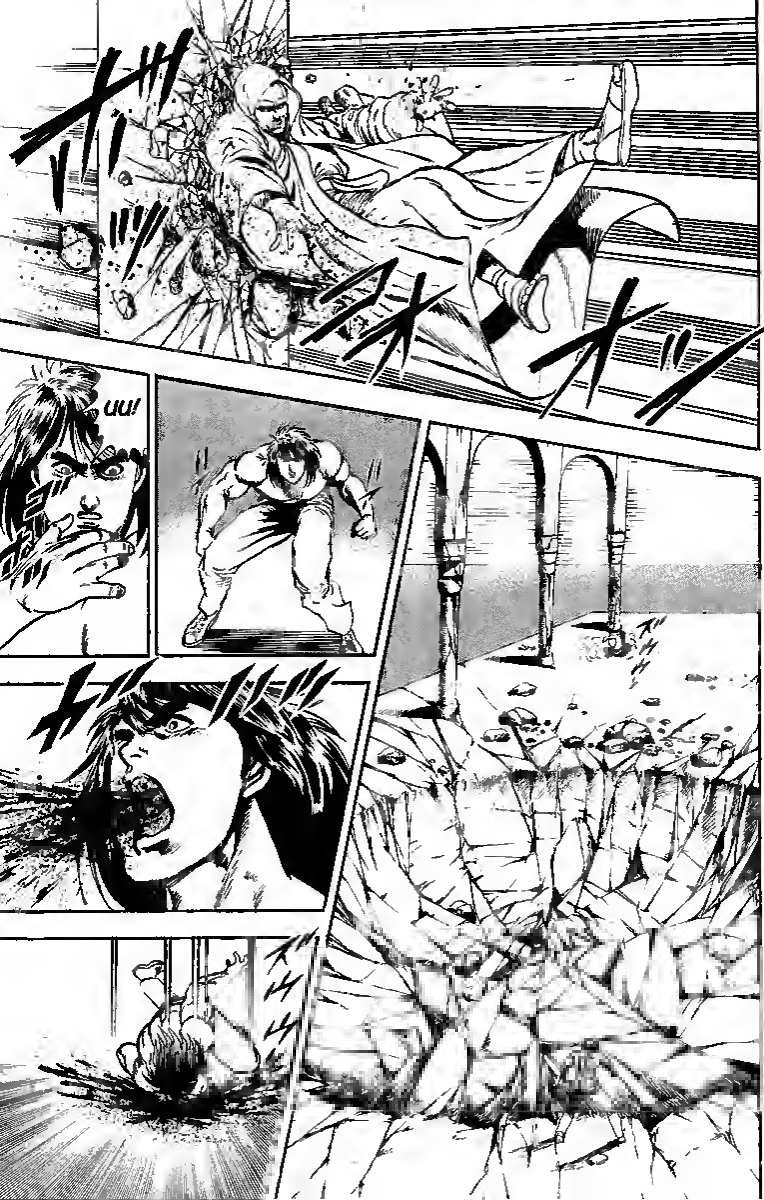
A FEEBLE OLD MAN CURSED BY GOD COULD NEVER POSSESS THE MEANS TO KILL HIM!!
BUT NOW, I'M AT 100% - NO, THANKS TO WHAT YONA GAVE ME, I'LL BE FIGHTING YOU AT 200%!
BACK THEN, I HAD BEEN RESTRICTED BY YOUR ILLUSION WITHIN ME, AND COULD ONLY UTILIZE HALF OF MY POWER.

OHHHH!
OHHH!

UWAHHH!
GUAH!

FAHAHAHAHA... WHAT'S WRONG? IS THAT YOUR FULL STRENGTH?
GUHHHHH! TH... THE POWER S... SUPPORTING ME RIGHT NOW IS COMPOSED OF ALL THE SPIRITS OF THE DEAD THAT HATE YOU!!
A BLAST OF THAT STRENGTH CANNOT DEFEAT GOD!

WHAT!?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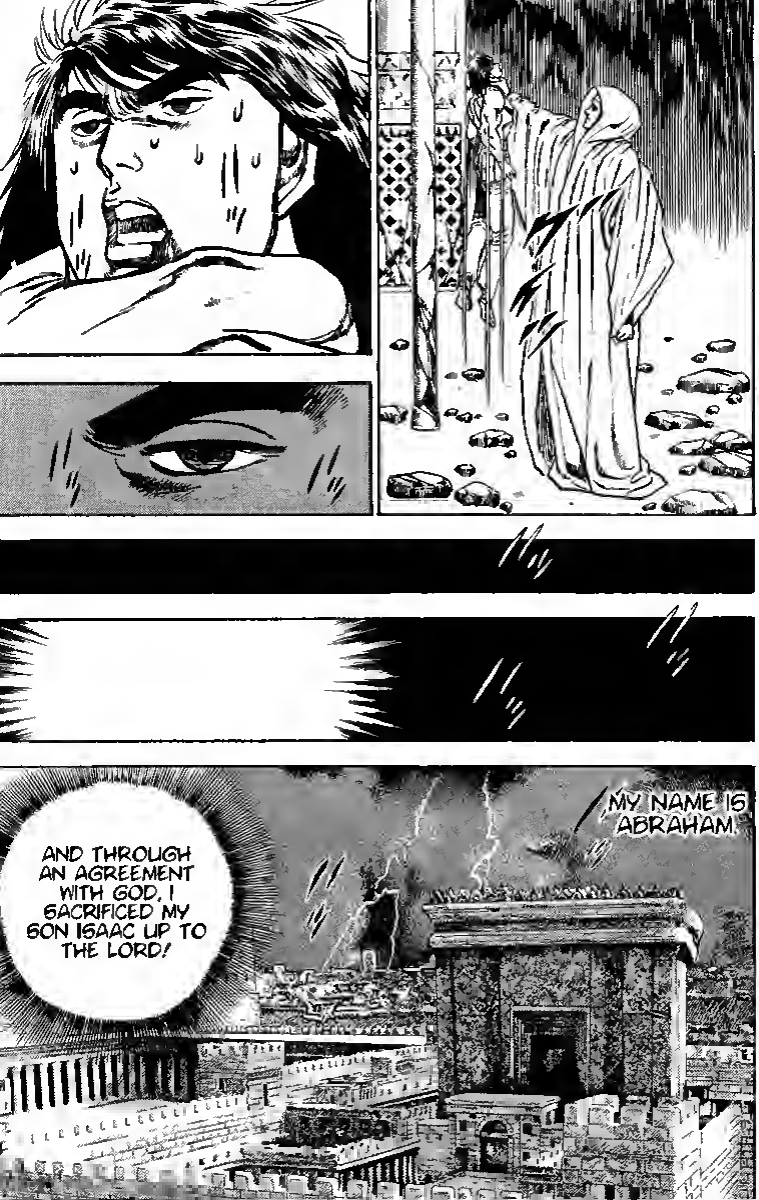
THE WEAK WILL OF A PUNY MAN LIKE YOU CANNOT CRUSH MINE, WHICH HAS SUBJUGATED THE ENTIRE WORLD!
THE ONLY THING CAPABLE OF DESTROYING ME IS ANOTHER FROM THE 2700-YEAR OLD "BLOODLINE OF GOD'S CHOSEN ONES."
UUUU..

I'M NOT FIGHTING WITH YOU BECAUSE I WANT THE THRONE OF GOD.
IT'S IN ORDER TO KILL THE "GOD" THAT PLANTED THE "SEEDS OF DESTRUCTION" IN PEOPLE'S HEARTS AND LED THE HUMAN RACE TO DESTRUCTION!
THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN KILL GOD AND REIGN HIGH ABOVE HIS THRONE IS ONE OF "GOD'S CHOSEN ONES!"
BUT YOU STILL CANNOT DEFEAT ME!
SHUT THE FUCK UP!!

THAT WON'T WORK!


MY NAME IS ABRAHAM.
AND THROUGH AN AGREEMENT WITH GOD, I SACRIFICED MY SON ISAAC UP TO THE LORD!

TIME TO DIE!
WHAT!? THE SIX-POINTED STAR!?

GUWAAHHH!!

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SACRIFICE

THE... THE SIX-POINTED STAR!!

I'LL JUST CUT OFF YOUR RIGHT ARM, THEN!
UGAA AHHH!!
FAAAA HAHA HAHA!!

GUAAA OHHH!
UGAA AAHHH!
MY NAME IS ABRAHAM...
FUHA HAHA HA!!
K'HHHH!
ABRAHAM!

MY NAME IS ABRAHAM,
AND THROUGH AN AGREEMENT WITH GOD, I SACRIFICED MY SON ISAAC UP TO THE LORD!

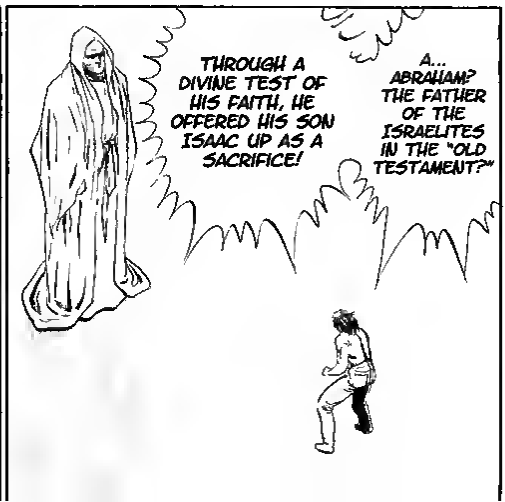
"Your wife will be known not as Sarai, but Sara."

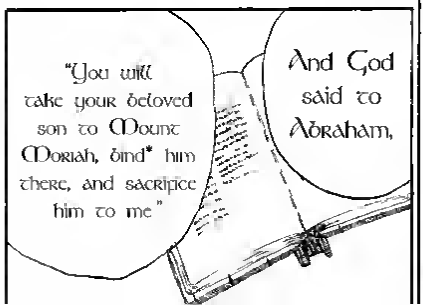
"and once you become the father of many people, you will be known not as Abram, but as Abraham."

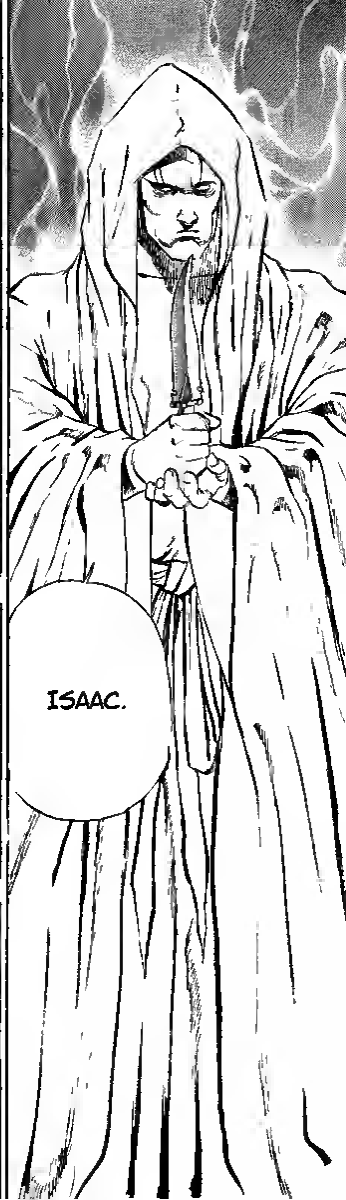
And God said to me "I will make an agreement with you. You will become the father of many people."

"I will bless her. In return, sacrifice your first son to me."

"Name your first-born child Isaac."


THROUGH A DIVINE TEST OF HIS FAITH, HE OFFERED HIS SON ISAAC UP AS A SACRIFICE!
A... ABRAHAM? THE FATHER OF THE ISRAELITES IN THE "OLD TESTAMENT?"





*BIND: IN ANCIENT JUDAISM ANIMALS WERE OFTEN BOUND TO ALTARS AND BURNED TO BE OFFERED UP AS SACRIFICES.

IF... IF I'M ISAAC...
THEN YOU, MUKAI, ARE ABRAHAM...
IT IT CAN'T BE.

THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN BE MY TRUE FATHER!!
IT CAN'T BE!!

THE NAME OF YOUR TRUE FATHER!
DECLARE IT, ISAAC.
uuu...
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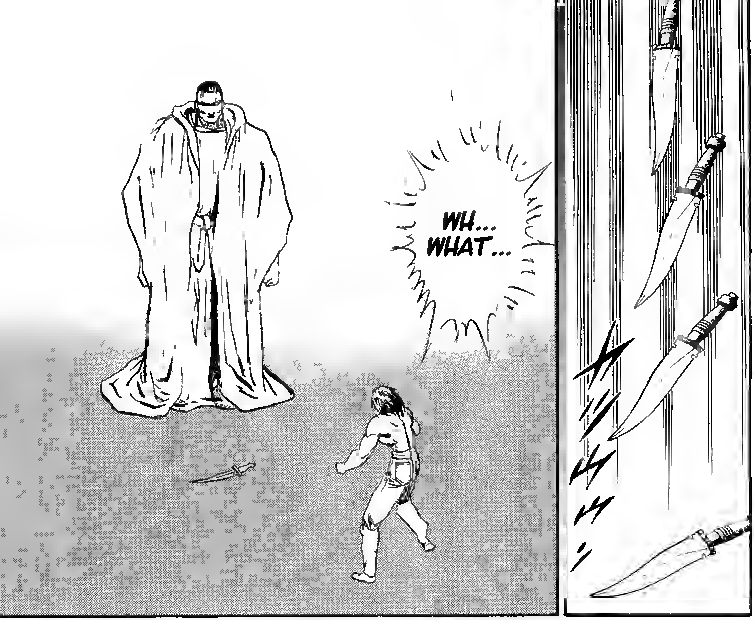
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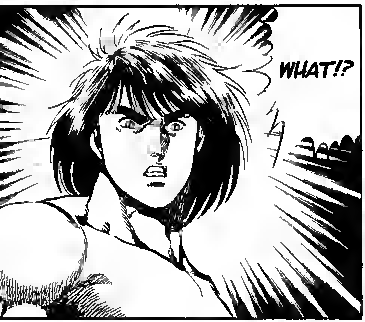
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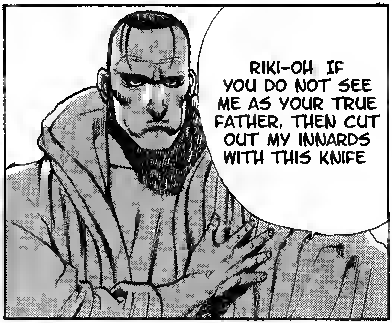
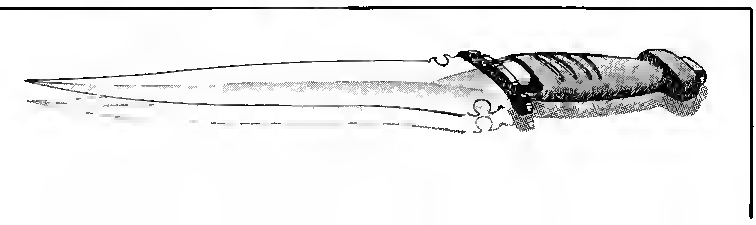
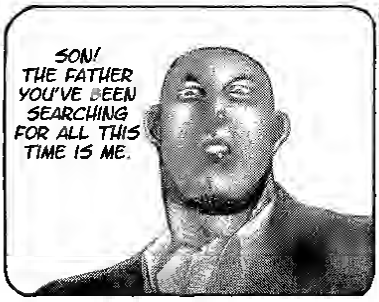
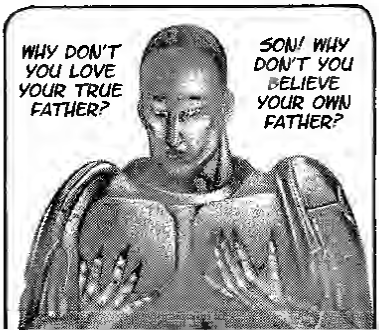
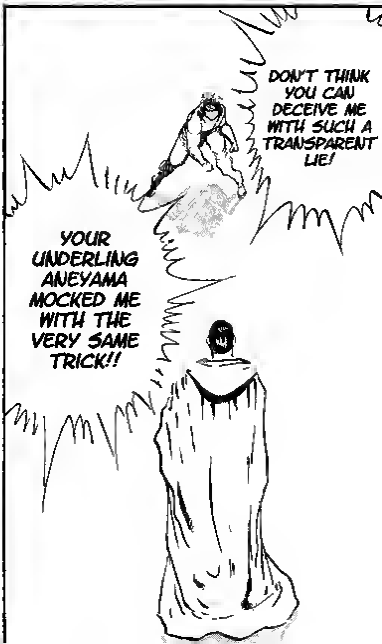

RIKI-OH IF YOU DO NOT SEE ME AS YOUR TRUE FATHER, THEN CUT OUT MY INNARDS WITH THIS KNIFE



IT IS MY DEEPEST DESIRE TO DIE IN A FLASH AT THE HANDS OF MY CHILD.
MY HEART FEELS LIKE IT WILL BURST OPEN WITH SADNESS.


SON! THE FATHER YOU'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR ALL THIS TIME IS ME.


WHY DON'T YOU LOVE YOUR TRUE FATHER?
SON! WHY DON'T YOU BELIEVE YOUR OWN FATHER?


DON'T THINK YOU CAN DECEIVE ME WITH SUCH A TRANSPARENT LIE!
YOUR UNDERLING ANEYAMA MOCKED ME WITH THE VERY SAME TRICK!!

RIKI-OHHH! DO YOU REALLY INTEND TO COMMIT PATRICIDE AS WELL AS FRATRICIDE?
IT'S TIME TO LET THE ANGER OF ALL THE DEAD WHOSE FATES YOU MANIPULATED RING OUT!!
I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO PLAY WITH MY HEART ANY LONGER.
THE MORTAL SIN OF PATRICIDE IS PERFECT FOR YOU! FAHYAHYA!!
KILL HIM, RIKI-OH!
MIZU-GUCHI!

THIS MAN IS NOT MY REAL FATHER!!

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KUCHIH!
UUOOHHHH!
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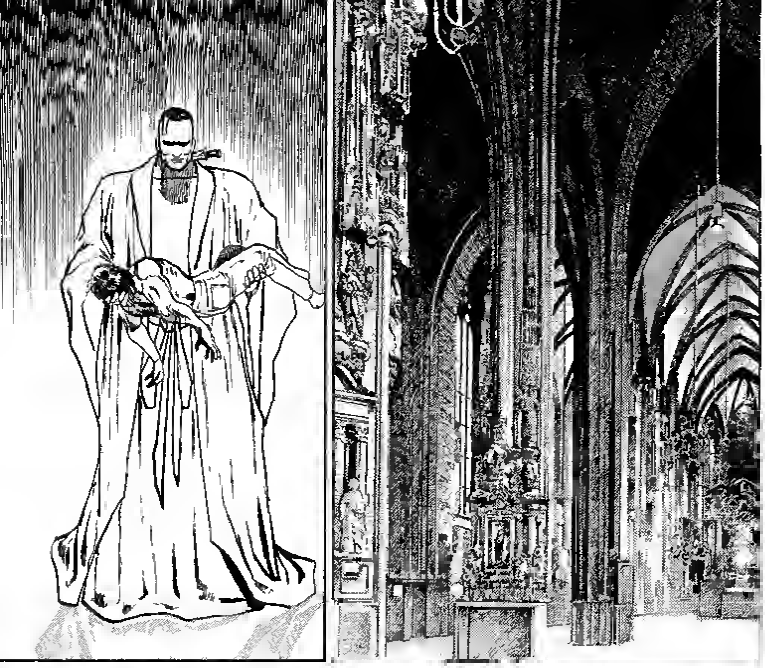
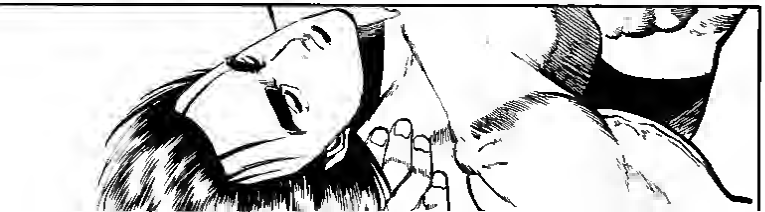
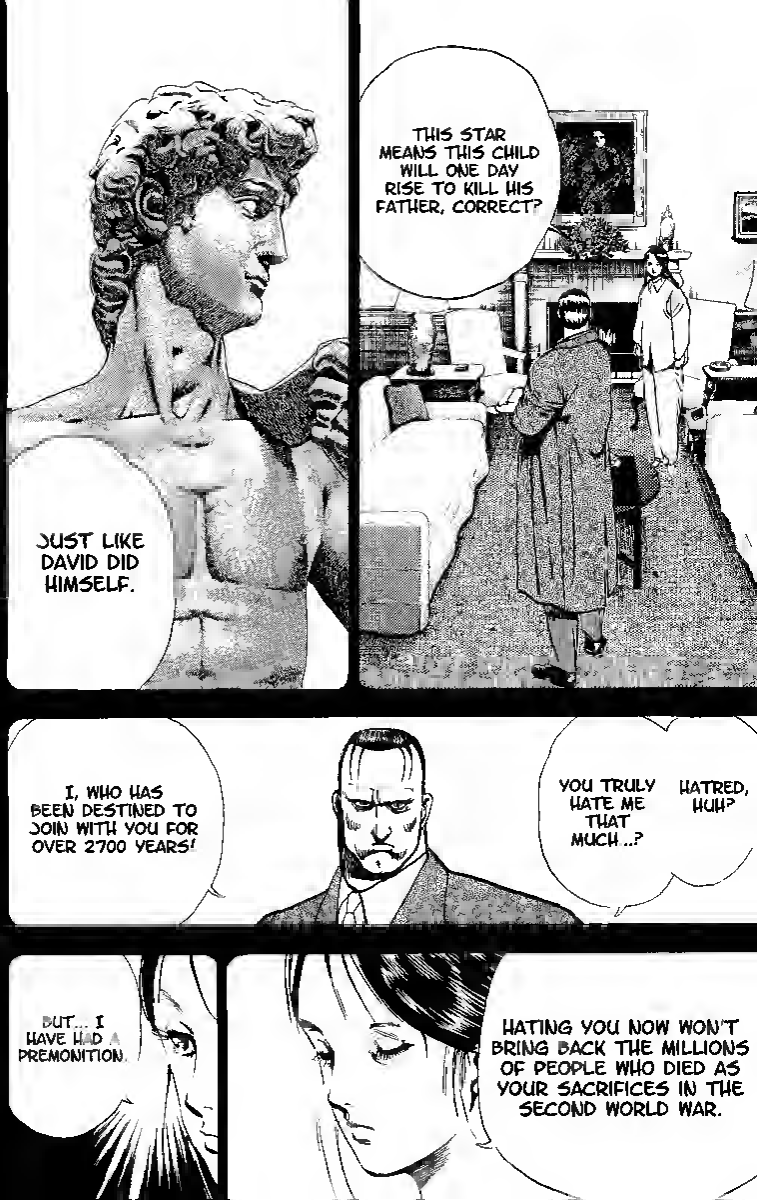




20 YEARS EARLIER - STATE-OWNED PENITENTIARY
BOYS, HUH...?

ARE THOSE COMPLIMENTS SUPPOSED TO BE TOWARD GOD?
YOU DID WELL.
THE 2700-YEAR OLD WISHES OF "GOD'S CHOSEN ONES" HAVE FINALLY BORE FRUIT.
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE BOYS' RIGHT HANDS?
TH... THIS IS!!
THE STAR OF DAVID!!


JUST LIKE DAVID DID HIMSELF.
THIS STAR MEANS THIS CHILD WILL ONE DAY RISE TO KILL HIS FATHER, CORRECT?
I, WHO HAS BEEN DESTINED TO JOIN WITH YOU FOR OVER 2700 YEARS!
YOU TRULY HATE ME THAT MUCH..?
HATRED, HUH?
BUT... I HAVE HAD A PREMONITION.
HATING YOU NOW WON'T BRING BACK THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO DIED AS YOUR SACRIFICES IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

THIS CHILD WILL KILL HIS FATHER OUT OF HIS OWN WILL!
I SEE.. THEN THE ROOT OF THIS EVIL LIES IN THESE CHILDREN..
AS LONG AS I HAVE ISAAC, I DO NOT NEED THE OTHER!
EH?

UU?
THIS CHILD'S NAME WILL BE RIKI-OH.
AND THIS ONE WILL BE NACHI.
THEY WILL FINALLY BECOME THE "CHILD OF DESTRUCTION."
AND SOMEDAY, TOGETHER,

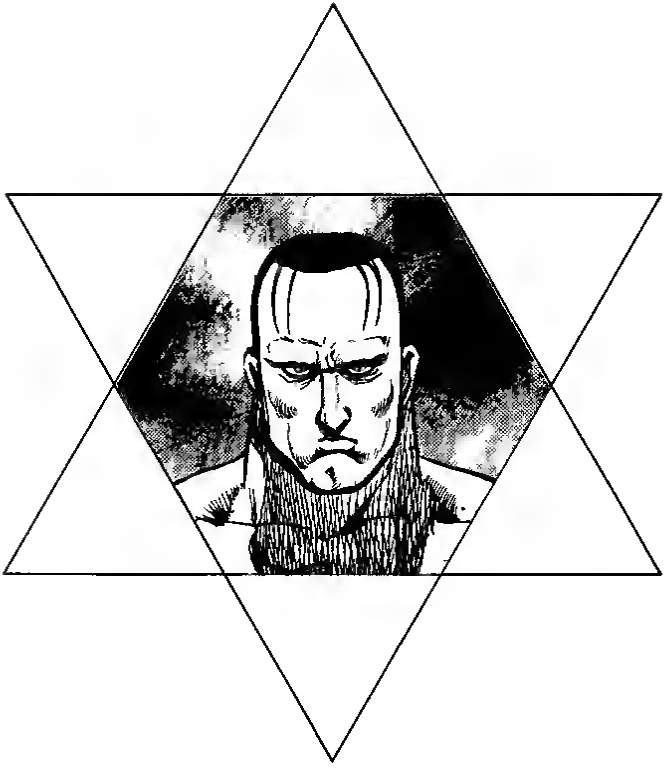
The Child of Destruction

When he came to the ordained place, Abraham prepared the fire, and bound his son Isaac on the altar.
Then, the moment as he was about to sacrifice his son——

EHH!?

WH... WHAT!?
YOU ARE NEITHER ABRAHAM NOR MY TRUE FATHER...

YOU'RE JUST A RELIGIOUS FANATIC BEING DECEIVED BY THE HOLY BIBLE, WHO BROUGHT DISASTER TO COUNTLESS PEOPLE!!



I WILL NOT FORGIVE ANYONE WHO BRINGS DISASTER TO PEOPLE IN THE NAME OF GOD OR THE BIBLE!!
YES, ESPECIALLY IF I AM YOUR TRUE SON, IT IS MY DUTY TO PUNISH MY FATHER FOR HIS ERRORS!
REINCARNATION

WELL SAID, SON! BUT YOU DO NOT POSSESS THE POWER TO OVERCOME YOUR FATHER.
AND YOU NO LONGER POSSESS THE POWER TO DEFEAT YOUR SON!

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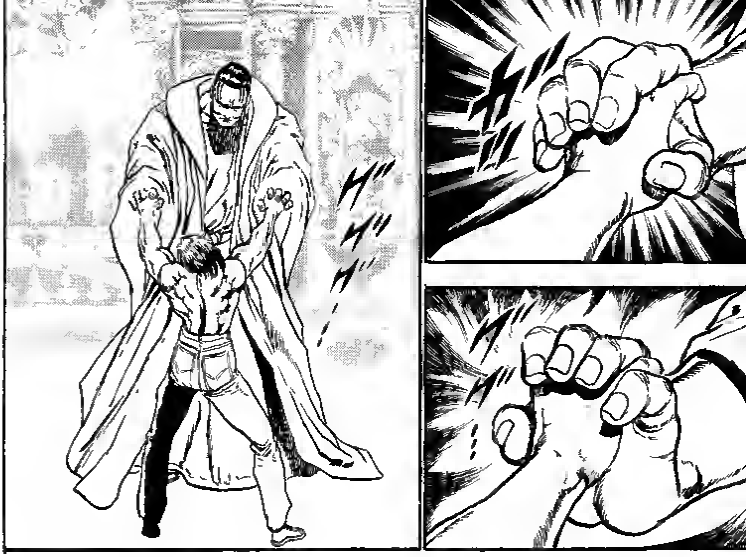
AND... AND NOW I'VE FINALLY FOUND HIM!
THE REASON I'VE BEEN FIGHTING SO LONG IS TO FIND THE TRUE BEING BEHIND ALL THOSE WHO SOUGHT "DEATH," BROUGHT TRAGEDY TO THOSE I LOVED, AND RUINED MY LIFE!!
A RIVALRY BETWEEN THAT BLOOD IN MY OWN, WHICH WILL NEVER END!!
TH... THE REASON BEHIND ALL MY ANGER AND SUFFERING LIES IN THE PATERNAL BLOOD FLOWING THROUGH MY VEINS...

F... FATED BLOOD!?
HANNA AND I ARE OF ONE BLOOD- FATED BLOOD THAT HAS BEEN DESTINED TO COMBINE THROUHGOUT THE PAST 2700 YEARS OF HISTORY!
YOU'RE WRONG!

and cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger!
How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger,

The Lord hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied: he hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah, he hath brought them down to the ground: he hath polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof.

*BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS 2:1-3

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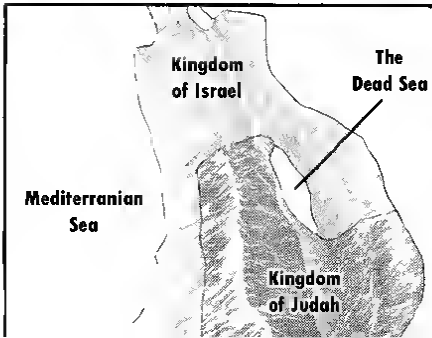
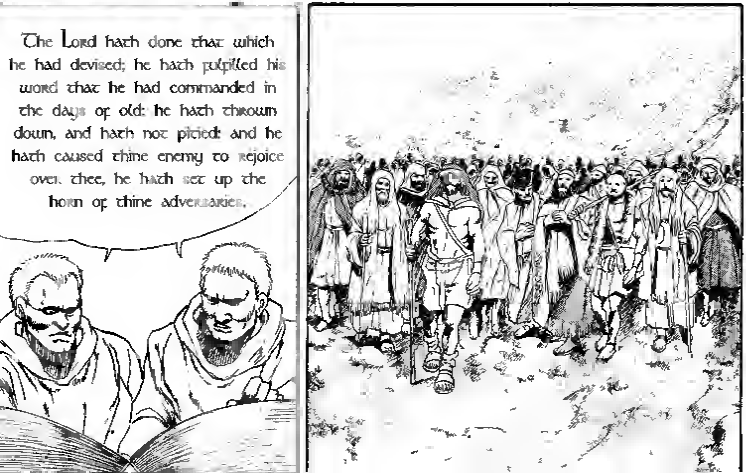


In 10 B.C., when the glorious King Solomon died, his kingdom was split into a north section (the Kingdom of Israel) and a south section (the Kingdom of Judah)

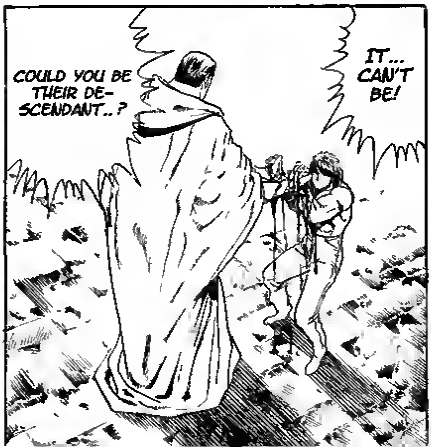
AND THE 10 BRANCH FAMILIES THAT HAD ESTABLISHED THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL DISAPPEARED IN THE FLAMES.
THE NORTHERN KINGDOM WAS DESTROYED BY ASSYRIA.

*BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS 2:17


The Lord hath done that which he had devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old: he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: and he hath caused thine enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries.

AND FOR THE WILL OF THE LORD, THEY HID THEMSELVES FAR TO THE EAST IN ORDER TO WAIT SAFELY FOR THE "DAY OF JUDGEMENT."
BUT THEY WERE NOT TRULY DESTROYED!

ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE 10 BRANCH FAMILIES OF THE ANCIENT JUDEANS MIGRATED TO JAPAN!?
THE FAR EAST... YOU MEAN JAPAN!?


COULD YOU BE THEIR DE-SCENDANT..?
IT... CAN'T BE!

SHE HAD THE SAME NAME AS HER GRANDMOTHER, "HANNA" AND WAS TOLD THAT THE 42ND HANNA AFTER HER WOULD BEAR THE SON OF GOD!!
THE YOUNG PRINCESS HOWEVER WAS SAVED AND TAKEN AWAY AS A PRISONER OF THE BABYLONIANS
AFTER THE NORTHERN KINGDOM WAS DESTROYED, THE SOUTHERN WAS SEIGED BY THE BABYLONIANS

IS THAT MY MOTHER!?
THE 42ND HANNA!?

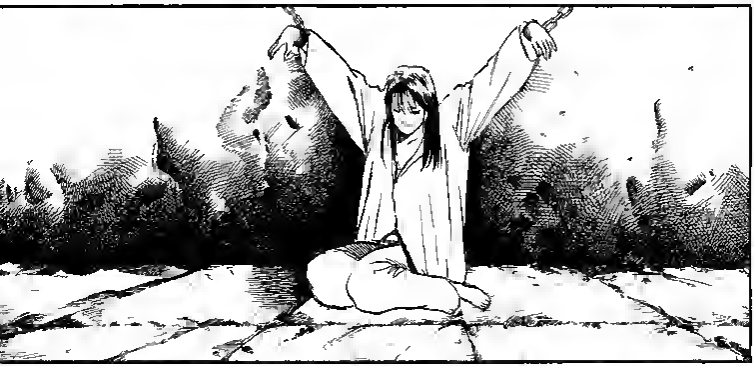
THE BLOOD THAT CONTINUED DOWN FROM THOSE ROYAL FAMILIES TO THEIR 42ND INCARNATIONS BORE THE TWO SONS THAT ARE TO ERECT "GOD'S KINGDOM!"
THE DESTRUCTION OF THOSE KINGDOMS, AND THE MIGRATION OF THE FAMILIES TO JAPAN WAS ALL PART OF "GOD'S PLAN!"
UUUU!!

A STUPID STORY, HUH!?
THIS IS JUST SOME STUPID STORY YOU MADE UP IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY THE DISGRACE AND SUFFERING YOU PLACED ON AN INNOCENT WOMAN BY SENDING HER TO JAIL!
YOU TWISTED THE TRUTH!
IT'S JUST A DELU-SION!
GUOOHH!!

He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy.

He hath set me in dark places, as they that be dead of old.

Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand against me all the day. My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones.



*BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS 3:4-9

WH... WHAT!?

He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked.

Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer.

YOU'RE... INSANE! WHAT THE HELL IS THIS "GOD'S KINGDOM" YOU WANT TO BUILD, ANYWAY!?
WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE HOLY BIBLE ISN'T ALL THINGS OF THE PAST! IT'S A PROGRAM IN ORDER TO ERECT "GOD'S KINGDOM," AND IT IS MY DUTY TO PUT IT INTO ACTION!!
HUMANS THROWING AWAY THEIR FLESH AND MATTER, AND LIVING IN A DIMENSION PURELY FOR THE "SOUL!"

I WILL DESTROY THE HUMAN RACE UNTIL THERE IS NONE LEFT.

IF HUMANS LOSE THEIR BODIES, THEY CEASE TO EXIST!
TH-THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

WH... WHAT!?

ONCE THE HUMAN RACE IS DESTROYED, IT WILL BE FREE FROM ITS GREED. WE ARE FATED TO LIVE TOGETHER AS ONE GREAT CONSCIOUSNESS - "GOD!"
LIFE IS AN INSTANT, BUT DEATH IS FOR AN ETERNITY.

UGGHH!

NOW I KNOW THE TRUE REASON WHY NACHI HATED YOU, HIS OWN FATHER!

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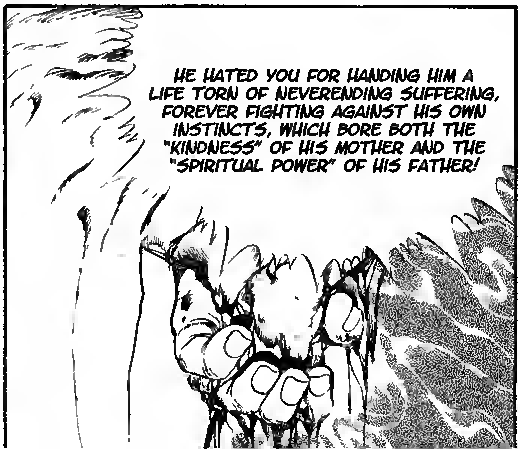
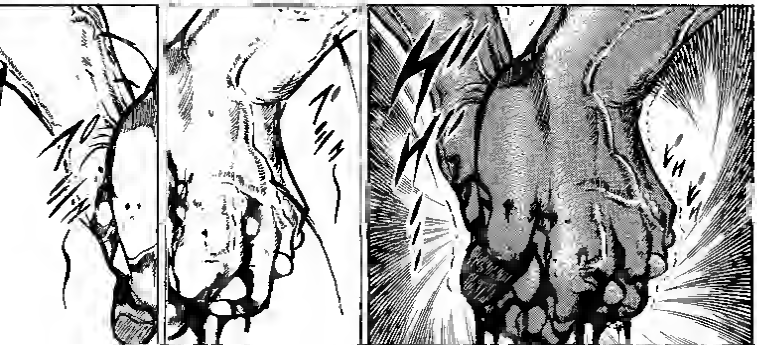

HE HATED YOU FOR HANDING HIM A LIFE TORN OF NEVERENDING SUFFERING, FOREVER FIGHTING AGAINST HIS OWN INSTINCTS, WHICH BORE BOTH THE "KINDNESS" OF HIS MOTHER AND THE "SPIRITUAL POWER" OF HIS FATHER!

TH... THAT CHILD, NACHI...
NACHI COULDN'T UNDERSTAND MY TRUE "LOVE!"
HOW IS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF OVER 50 MILLION PEOPLE ANY KIND OF LOVE!?
LOVE!?

LISTEN TO ME!
WHY, WHEN HUMANS ARE SURROUNDED BY SUCH WEALTH, ARE THEY STILL "UNHAPPY?" REPEATING HISTORY OVER AND OVER AGAIN!
WHY CAN'T HUMANS MATURE AND ESCAPE THE SAVAGE THOUGHTS OF THEIR INFANCY!?

INDESTRUCTIBLE SOULS!? WHAT I BELIEVE IN IS THE NEVERENDING CYCLE OF LIFE...
REINCAR-NATION!
THE VERY EXISTENCE OF HUMANS IS AN "ERROR" IN ITSELF! IF GOD DESTROYS THE HUMAN RACE, THEY WILL BE SAVED THROUGH THEIR SUFFERING! EVEN NOW, THEY YEARN FOR A NEVERENDING EXISTENCE AS INDESTRUCTIBLE SOULS!



GUWAAH!!
I'VE NEVER LEARNED FROM ANY HOLY MEN, BUT WHAT I'VE EXPERIENCED GROWING UP IN ASIA, IS THAT THE ONE'S DUTY AND LIFE IS A NEVERENDING CYCLE! THAT'S WHAT I WAS TAUGHT!!
N... NACHI DEFINITELY MUST HAVE THOUGHT THE SAME WAY.
WHAT HE SAID TO ME WHEN HE DIED A SECOND TIME IN THE PALACE OF ETERNAL YOUTH-
WITH... WITH THE LAST BIT OF ENERGY I HAVE, PLEASE FIND SOME WAY TO FORGIVE THEM...
BROTHER, YOU MUST NOT HATE THEM. FORGIVE THEM.

AND THEN, NACHI EXCEEDED THE CAPABILITIES OF A NORMAL HUMAN AND DIED A SECOND TIME. THAT IS WHY, MORE THAN BEING SAD, I CONTINUED MY JOURNEY IN ORDER TO BRING HIM PEACE.
AT THE CAPE, JUST BEFORE HE DIED, HE REVERTED BACK TO THE GENTLE NACHI I REMEMBERED FROM MY CHILDHOOD.

GUOOH!
NACHI IS WITHIN ME EVEN NOW!!
AND FROM THAT MOMENT ON, WE BROTHERS HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOREVER!

uuu!!

IF THOSE WHO KILL THEIR FATHERS WILL GO TO HELL,
THEN I'LL KILL YOU AND HAPPILY FALL DOWN THERE!!

TO ME, THIS BAG OF FLESH IS ONLY A TEMPORARY CONTAINER. THE NAME "MUKAI" INDICATES THAT I AM NOT A BEING OF THIS WORLD *
FUFUFU... THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN KILL GOD IS GOD HIMSELF.

*THE KANJI FOR HIS NAME: NOTHING, WORLD

!
YOU, WITH YOUR IMMORTAL BODY AND ETERNAL LIFE, EVEN IF YOU'VE UNDERSTOOD "GOD'S LOVE," COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND THE LOVE ONE HUMAN BEING HAS FOR ANOTHER!
THE LIMITED "LIFE" OF HUMANS, FILLED WITH JOY AND SADNESS, BEGINS FROM TRYING TO LIVE ON WITHOUT SUFFERING.
MY MOTHER MUST HAVE LOOKED AT YOU WITH EYES JUST LIKE THAT!
YOU'RE JUST LIKE THAT MIRROR - ETERNALLY COLD, NEVER BEARING A TRUE FORM EVEN IF, IN THE SCENERY IT REFLECTS, THERE IS A HUMAN SMILING, THE MIRROR WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO SMILE ITSELF!

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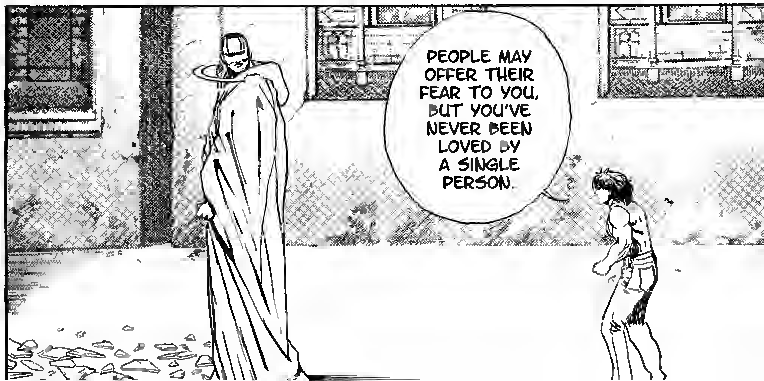
PEOPLE MAY OFFER THEIR FEAR TO YOU, BUT YOU'VE NEVER BEEN LOVED BY A SINGLE PERSON.

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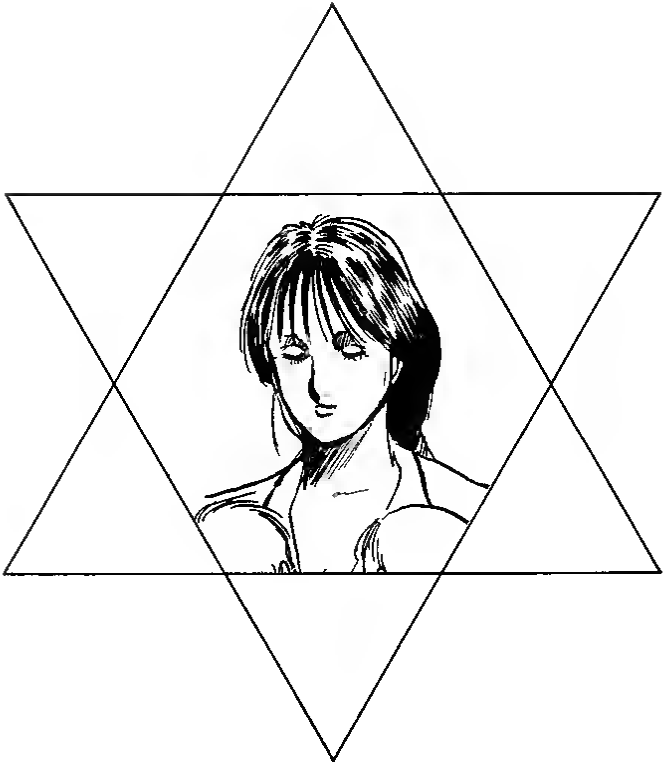
AND EVEN GOD NEEDS SALVATION.



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AND THAT I'VE NEVER BEEN LOVED BY ANYONE!?
YOU THINK I, GOD, NEED "SALVATION"!?

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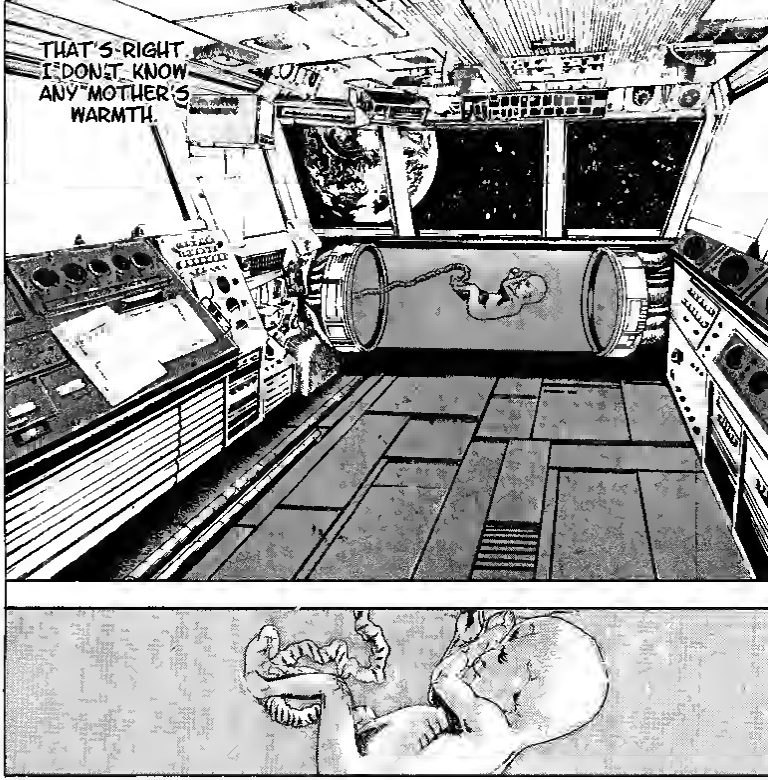
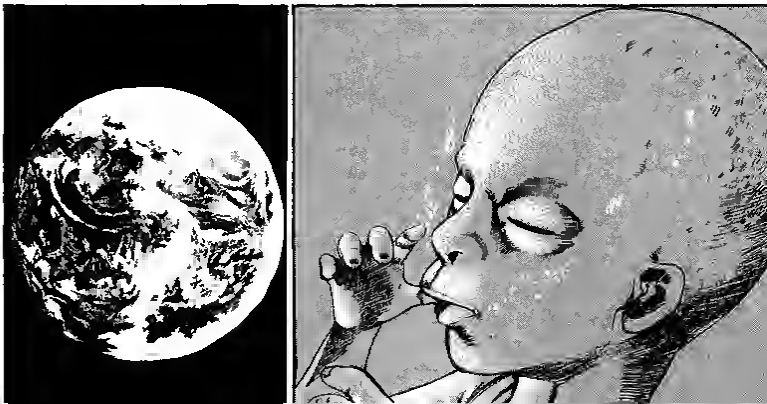
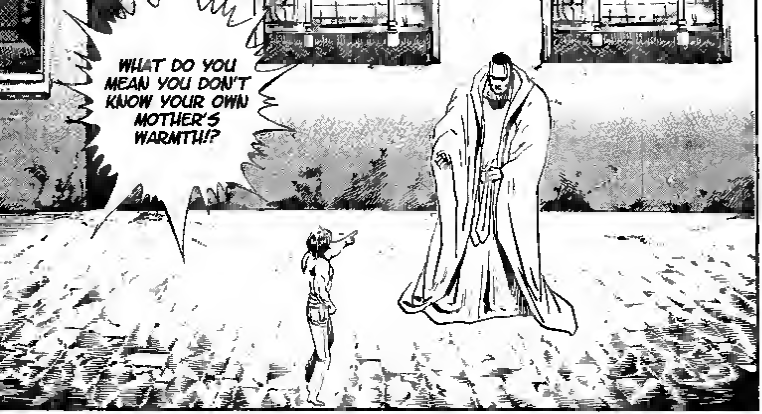
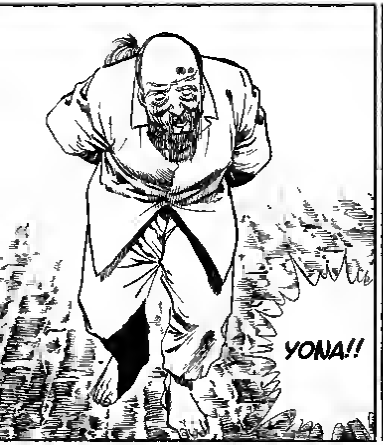
BECAUSE I'M THEIR MOTHER...
HOW, WHEN YOU HATE ME SO MUCH, CAN YOU LOVE YOUR OWN CHILDREN, WHEN THEY TOO BEAR MY BLOOD?
MOTHER...?
SOMEONE LIKE YOU WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHAT A MOTHER'S WARMTH IS COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND...
MOTHER'S WARMTH...


THAT'S RIGHT. I DON'T KNOW ANY MOTHER'S WARMTH.




WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR OWN MOTHER'S WARMTH!?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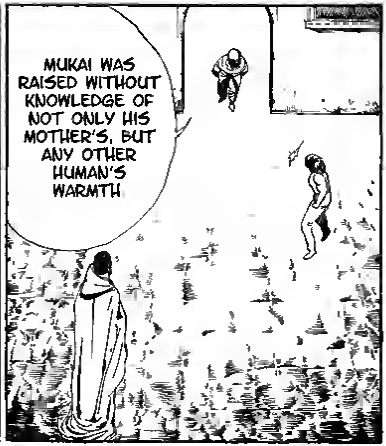
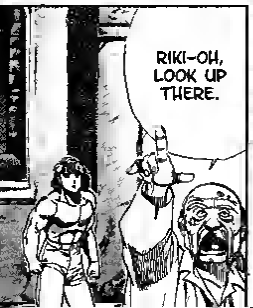
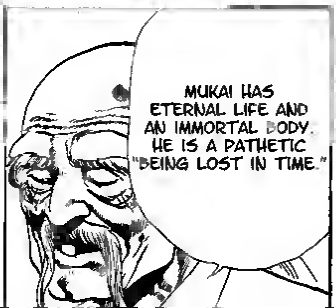
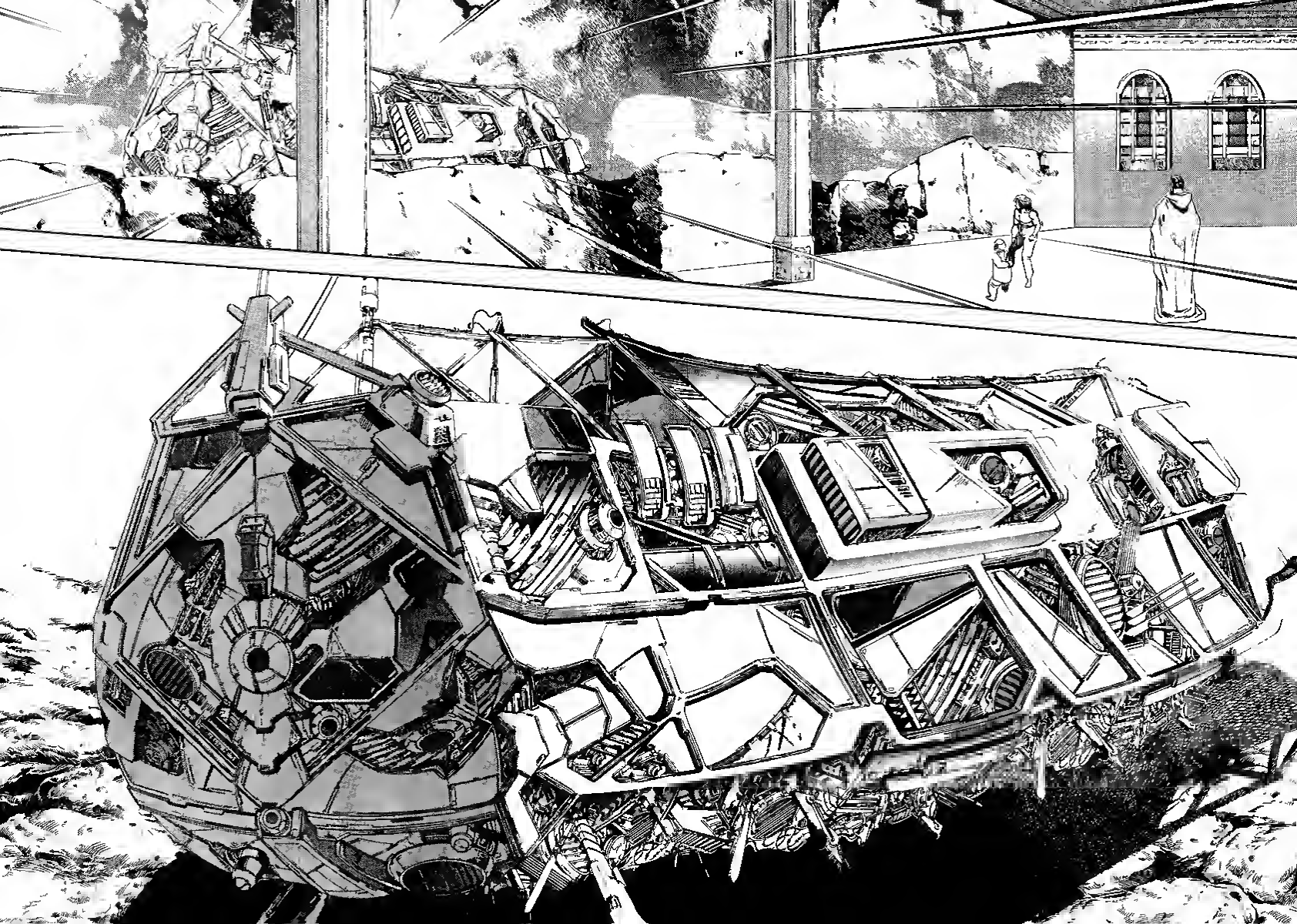

MUKAI WAS RAISED WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF NOT ONLY HIS MOTHER'S, BUT ANY OTHER HUMAN'S WARMTH


RIKI-OH, LOOK UP THERE.

BEING LOST IN TIME!?


MUKAI HAS ETERNAL LIFE AND AN IMMORTAL BODY. HE IS A PATHETIC "BEING LOST IN TIME."



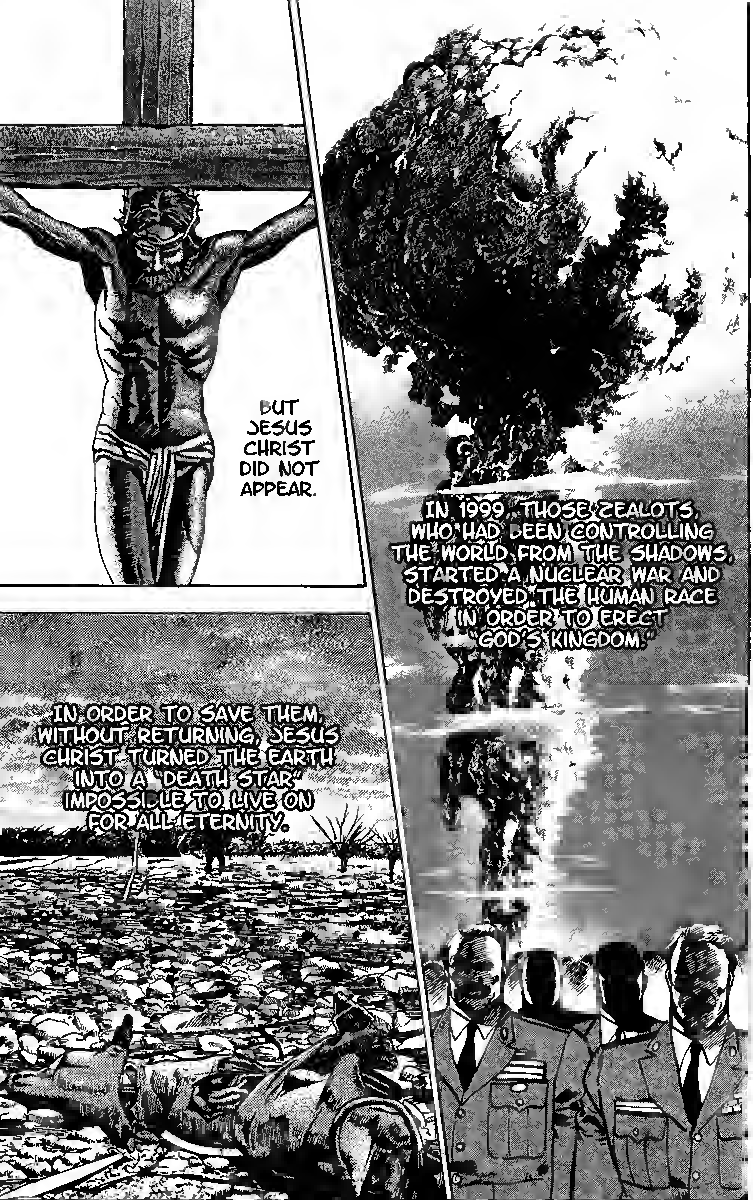
IN OTHER WORDS, A TIME MACHINE.
THAT IS THE ARK OF TIME MUKAI USED TO COME HERE FROM THE YEAR 2500.

...FROM THE YEAR 2500!?

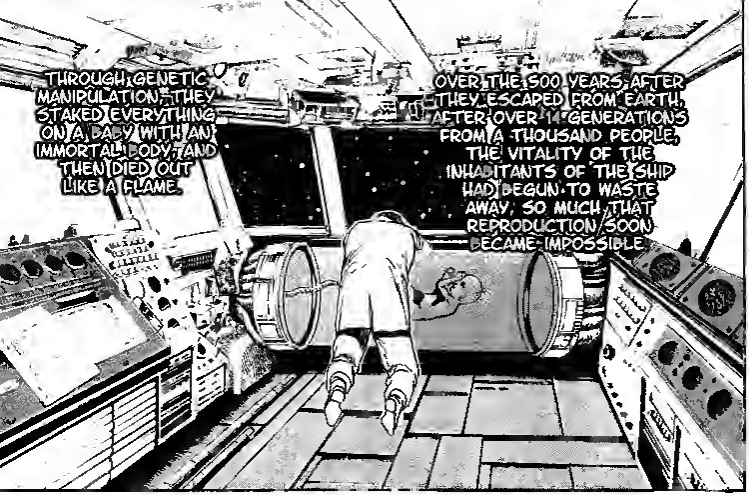
RIKI-OH, LISTEN CAREFULLY. YOUR FATHER IS THE LAST DESCENDANT FROM A GROUP OF ZEALOTS WHO DISTORTED THE SALVATION WRITTEN IN THE BIBLE AND DESTROYED THE HUMAN RACE.

THE LAST DESCENDANT?

TH... THEN HE'S A CHILD FROM THE FUTURE!!

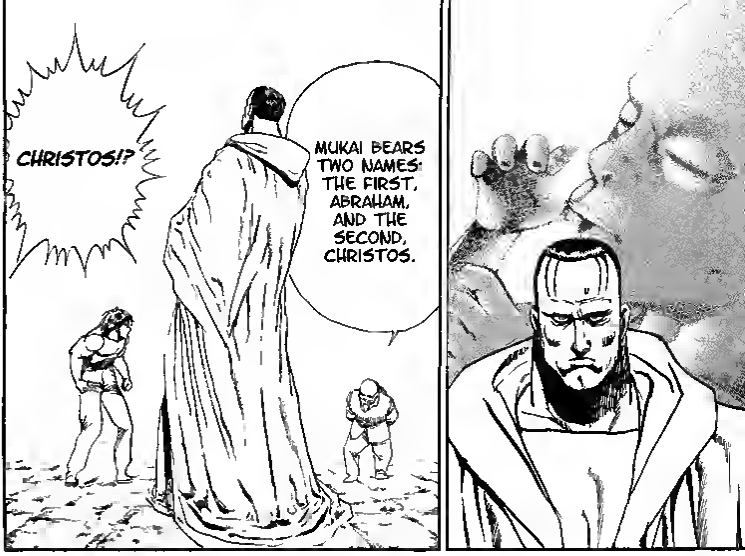

BUT JESUS CHRIST DID NOT APPEAR.
IN 1999, THOSE ZEALOTS WHO HAD BEEN CONTROLLING THE WORLD FROM THE SHADOWS, STARTED A NUCLEAR WAR AND DESTROYED THE HUMAN RACE IN ORDER TO ERECT GOD'S KINGDOM.
IN ORDER TO SAVE THEM, WITHOUT RETURNING, JESUS CHRIST TURNED THE EARTH INTO A "DEATH STAR" IMPOSSIBLE TO LIVE ON FOR ALL ETERNITY.

PLEASE, YONA, CONTINUE.
SILENCE, YOU SENILE OLD FOOL!
TO BECOME "GOD" THEMSELVES.
HAVING LOST A PLANET TO RETURN TO, AS WELL AS BEING DISCARDED BY "GOD," THEY CHOSE THEIR NEW PATH
HUMANS BECOMING GOD?
WAS THAT IN THE YEAR 2500?
ACCORDING TO THEM, THE ABILITY TO FREELY CONTROL TIME, SPACE, AND LIFE WERE THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS TO BECOME GOD. IN A SPACESHIP, THEY CONTINUED THEIR RESEARCH FOR GENERATIONS, FINALLY CREATING A "GOD."

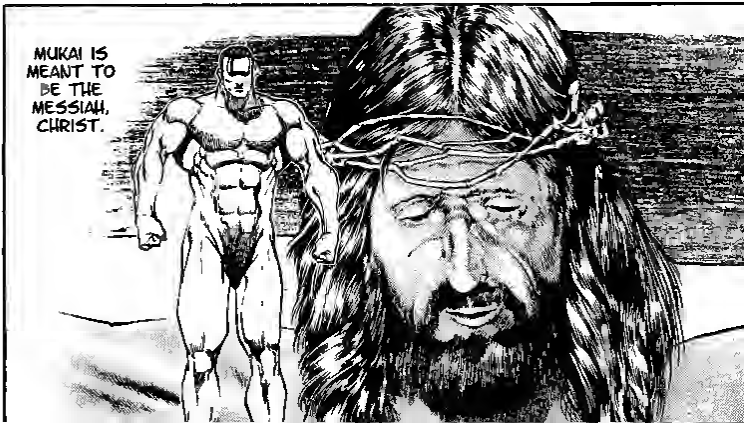

THROUGH GENETIC MANIPULATION, THEY STAKED EVERYTHING ON A BABY WITH AN IMMORTAL BODY, AND THEN DIED OUT LIKE A FLAME.
OVER THE 1500 YEARS AFTER THEY ESCAPED FROM EARTH, AFTER OVER 14 GENERATIONS FROM A THOUSAND PEOPLE, THE VITALITY OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE SHIP HAD BEGUN TO WASTE AWAY, SO MUCH, THAT REPRODUCTION SOON BECAME IMPOSSIBLE.

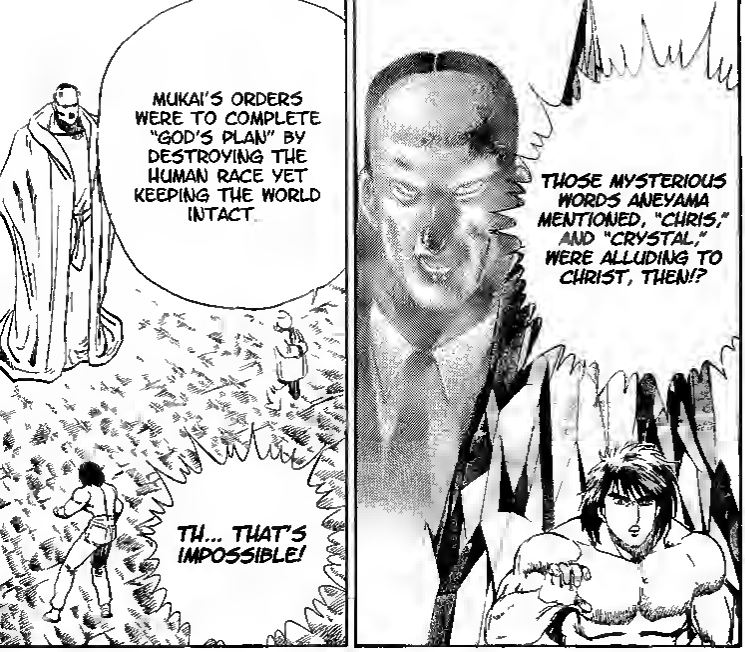
AND GREW TO BECOME A HEARTLESS, EMOTIONLESS ZEALOT UNLIKE ANY OTHER
THAT CHILD WAS RAISED WITH AN UNINHABITED SHIP AS HIS MOTHER, AND A COMPUTER SYSTEM AS HIS ONLY FRIEND.

WHEN HE BECAME 20 YEARS OLD, UTILIZING THE ARK OF TIME, CROSSED THROUGH TIME AND SPACE TO RETURN TO THE START OF THE 20TH CENTURY.


CHRISTOS!?
MUKAI BEARS TWO NAMES: THE FIRST, ABRAHAM, AND THE SECOND, CHRISTOS.

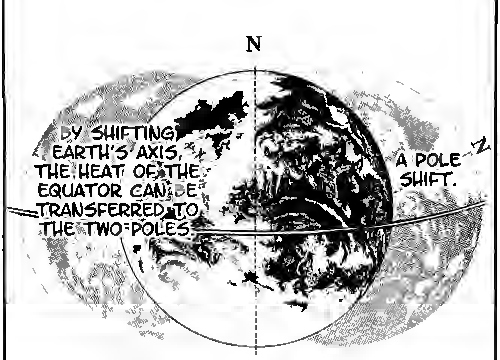
IN GREEK, THE NAME CHRISTOS MEANS MESSIAH
CHRIS...


MUKAI IS MEANT TO BE THE MESSIAH, CHRIST.


MUKAI'S ORDERS WERE TO COMPLETE "GOD'S PLAN" BY DESTROYING THE HUMAN RACE YET KEEPING THE WORLD INTACT.
TH... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
THOSE MYSTERIOUS WORDS ANEYAMA MENTIONED, "CHRIS," AND "CRYSTAL," WERE ALLUDING TO CHRIST, THEN!?

WHAT!?
MY SON.
FUFUFUFUFU. NO, IT'S VERY POSSIBLE.

BY MELTING THE ICE OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH POLES, THE ENTIRE EARTH WILL BE SWALLOWED UP BY WATER!!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BY SHIFTING EARTH'S AXIS, THE HEAT OF THE EQUATOR CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO THE TWO POLES.
A POLE SHIFT.
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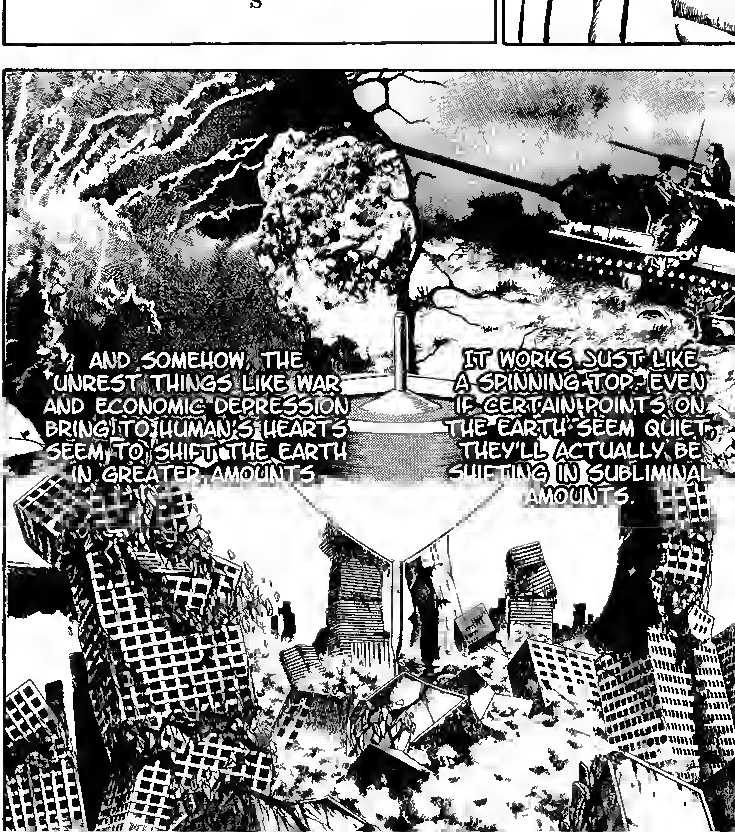
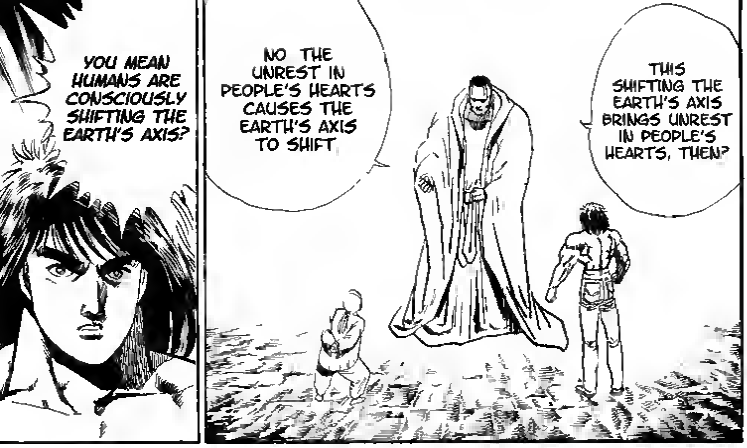
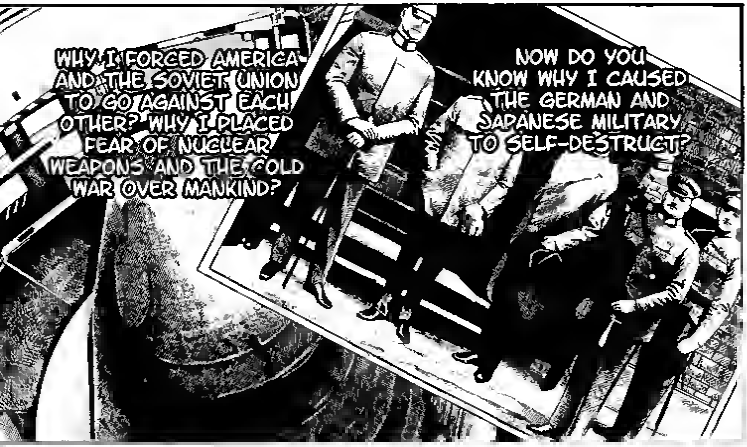
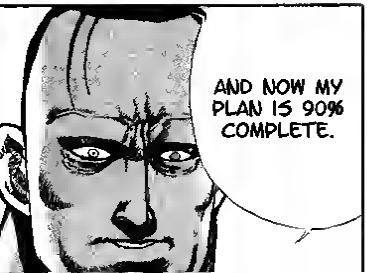
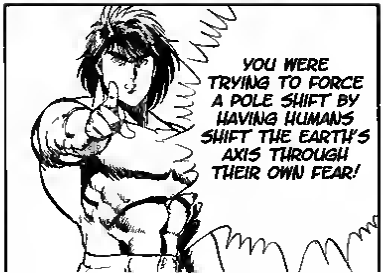
BUT HOW WOULD YOU MELT THEM!?


AND SOMEHOW, THE UNREST THINGS LIKE WAR AND ECONOMIC DEPRESSION BRING TO HUMAN'S HEARTS SEEM TO SHIFT THE EARTH IN GREATER AMOUNTS.
IT WORKS JUST LIKE A SPINNING TOP. EVEN IF CERTAIN POINTS ON THE EARTH SEEM QUIET, THEY'LL ACTUALLY BE SHIFTING IN SUBLIMINAL AMOUNTS.


YOU MEAN HUMANS ARE CONSCIOUSLY SHIFTING THE EARTH'S AXIS?
NO THE UNREST IN PEOPLE'S HEARTS CAUSES THE EARTH'S AXIS TO SHIFT
THIS SHIFTING THE EARTH'S AXIS BRINGS UNREST IN PEOPLE'S HEARTS, THEN?


WHY I FORCED AMERICA AND THE SOVIET UNION TO GO AGAINST EACH OTHER? WHY I PLACED FEAR OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THE COLD WAR OVER MANKIND?
NOW DO YOU KNOW WHY I CAUSED THE GERMAN AND JAPANESE MILITARY TO SELF-DESTRUCT?


AND NOW MY PLAN IS 90% COMPLETE.


YOU WERE TRYING TO FORCE A POLE SHIFT BY HAVING HUMANS SHIFT THE EARTH'S AXIS THROUGH THEIR OWN FEAR!

THE BEGINNING AND THE END!
YOU ARE BOTH MY ANCESTOR AND MY SON!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW?

IN OTHER WORDS, JUST LIKE THE SNAKE OF OUROBORUS! FAHAHAHAHA!!

MUKAI, YOU ARE A SORROWFUL MAN.
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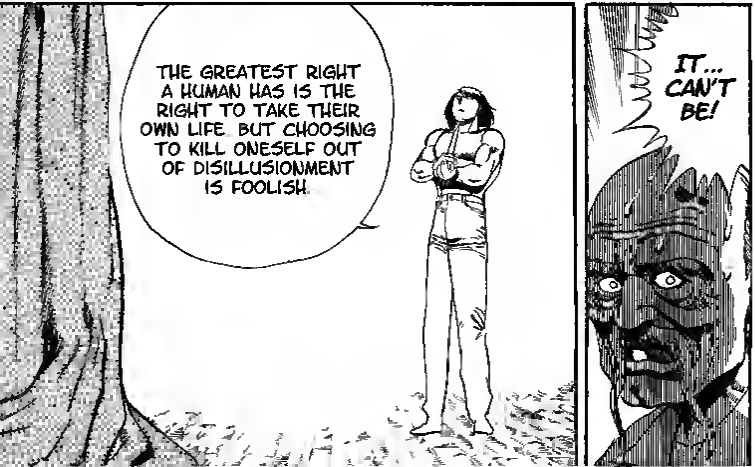
SIIIII-
LLLLEEEENNN-
CCCCEEEE!!
JUST LIKE YOUR SON RIKI-OH SAID, THE GOD YOU ARE IS IN NEED OF SALVATION!!
YOU HAVE NEVER LOVED NOR BEEN LOVED BY ANYONE!
NO, EVEN NOW, I STILL LOVE THAT PERSON!
THERE IS ONE TIME IN MY LIFE WHEN I HAVE TRULY LOVED SOMEONE
YOU STILL SAY I'VE NEVER LOVED ANYONE..?

I WILL ALWAYS LOVE HANNA!
TO ME, SHE WAS EVERYTHING
MY MOTHER, MY SISTER, MY DAUGHTER A SINGLE LIGHT TO BRIGHTEN THE DEEP DARKNESS I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN
I WAS JEALOUS OF THOSE CHILDREN!
B... BUT SHE WOULD NOT RECEIVE MY LOVE, REPLACING HER HATRED INSTEAD WITH LOVE FOR HER CHILDREN.

I... I LOVED HANNA SO MUCH THAT I RIPPED HER AWAY FROM THOSE CHILDREN, AND HAD HER EXECUTED!
YOU WENT THAT FAR...
DETEST ME, WHO HAS RIPPED YOUR MOTHER FOREVER FROM YOU!!
HATE ME!!
NOW, SON!

YOU'RE THE PERSON WHOSE SADNESS I MUST UNDERSTAND.
YOU AREN'T THE ENEMY I SHOULD HATE ANYMORE.
THE HATRED I ONCE HAD FOR YOU HAS COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED FROM MY HEART THIS INSTANT.
WHAT!?
RIKI-OH, WHAT ARE YOU ?

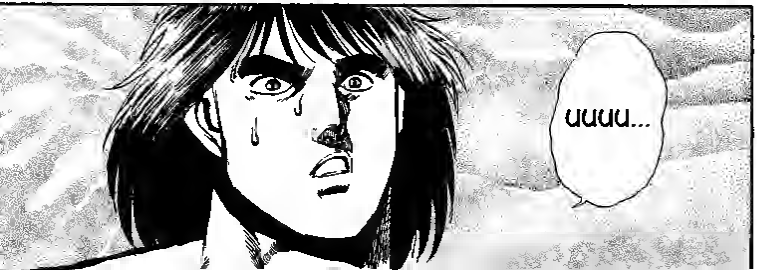
AS AN ANCESTOR OF MUKAI, AND ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE HUMAN RACE, I CHOOSE TO TAKE MY OWN LIFE.


THE GREATEST RIGHT A HUMAN HAS IS THE RIGHT TO TAKE THEIR OWN LIFE. BUT CHOOSING TO KILL ONESELF OUT OF DISILLUSIONMENT IS FOOLISH.
IT... CAN'T BE!

STOP!!
THAT'S WHY, FOR THE SAKE OF THE FUTURE, AND FOR THE SAKE OF HOPE, I WILL TAKE MY OWN LIFE!!

UUU...
MUKAI...

STOP THIS, RIKI-OH...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WHAT!?

TH... THIS IS THE PROOF OF MY LOVE TO HANNA!
RIKI-OH. W... WATCH THIS.

WH... WHY!?
IM... IMPOS- SIBLE!

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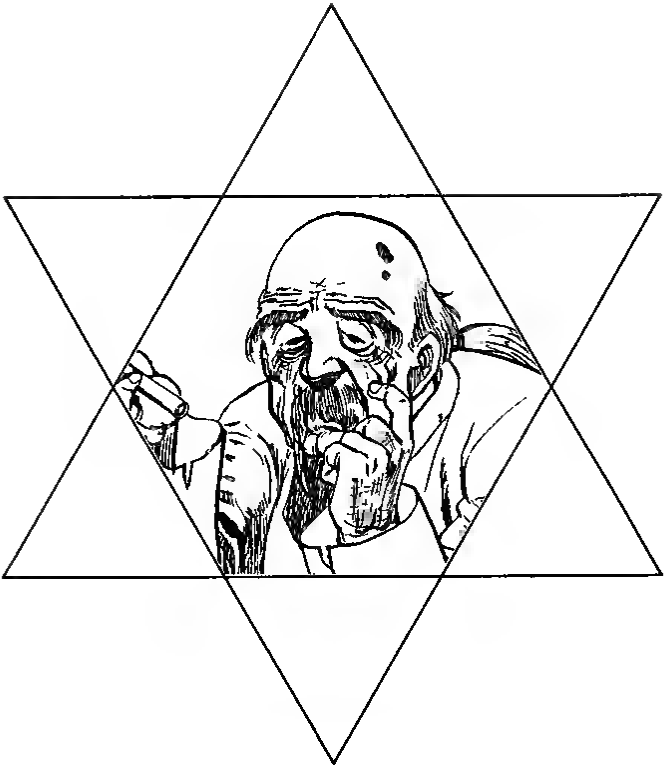
WAIT...

FATHEERR!
PLEASE, WAIT!



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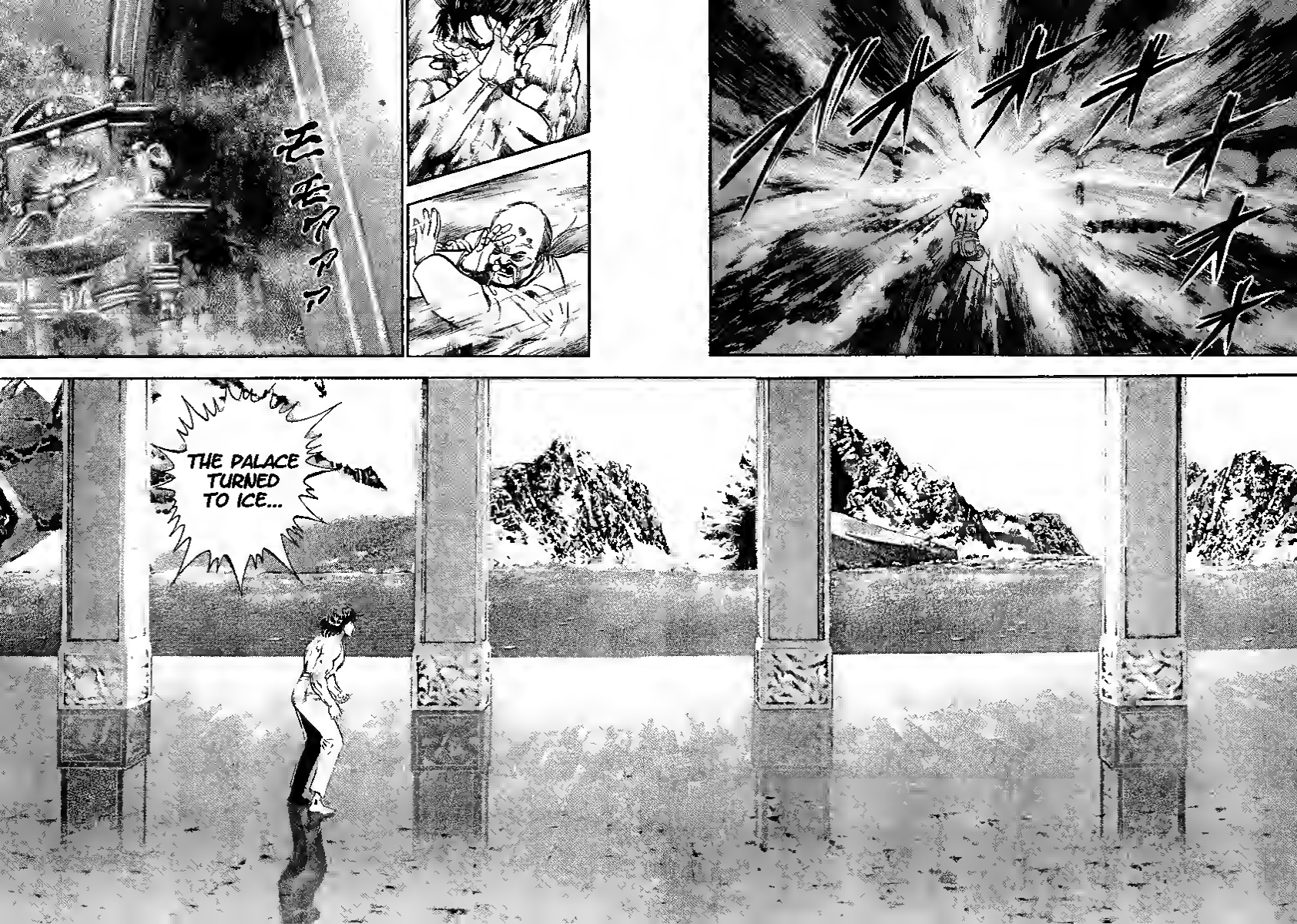
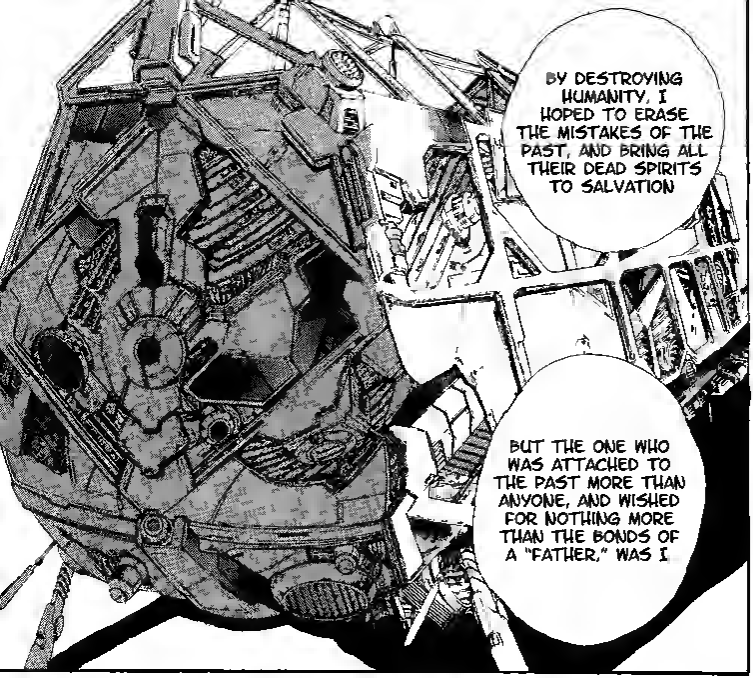
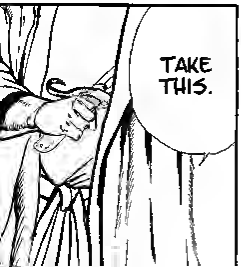
I... I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SHOUTING THAT, DEEP WITHIN MY HEART
YOU AC- KNOWLEDGED ME AS YOUR FATHER?
YOU...
FATHER...
UUU...

UUOOOO
OHHHHH!!


THE PALACE TURNED TO ICE...

HIS SERVANTS READING THE BIBLE TURNED TO STONE...
ALL OF THIS WAS AN ILLUSION MY FATHER CREATED...
AS HIS WILL WEAKENED, THE ILLUSION DISAPPEARED
ALL OF THIS WAS AN ILLUSION CREATED BY MUKAI'S MIND
I HAVE DONE MANY WRONGS.
RIKI-OH.


BY DESTROYING HUMANITY, I HOPED TO ERASE THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST, AND BRING ALL THEIR DEAD SPIRITS TO SALVATION
BUT THE ONE WHO WAS ATTACHED TO THE PAST MORE THAN ANYONE, AND WISHED FOR NOTHING MORE THAN THE BONDS OF A "FATHER," WAS I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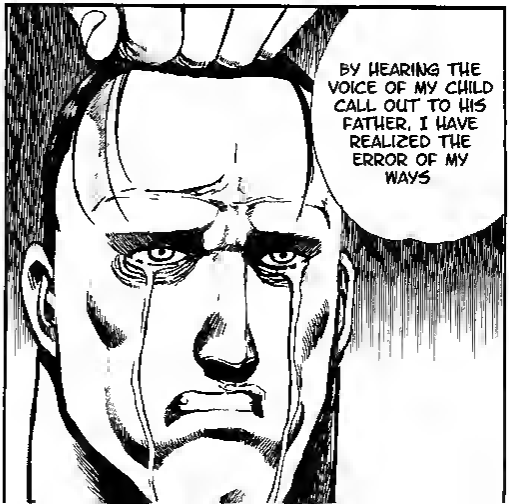
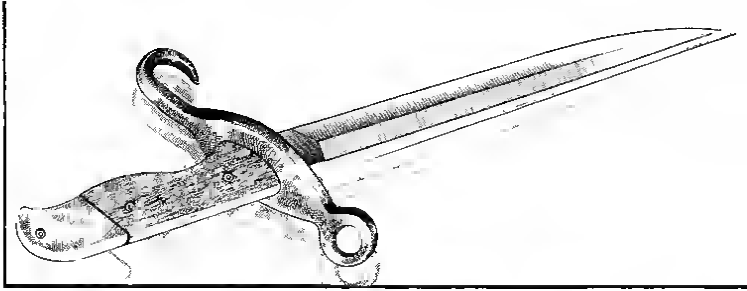
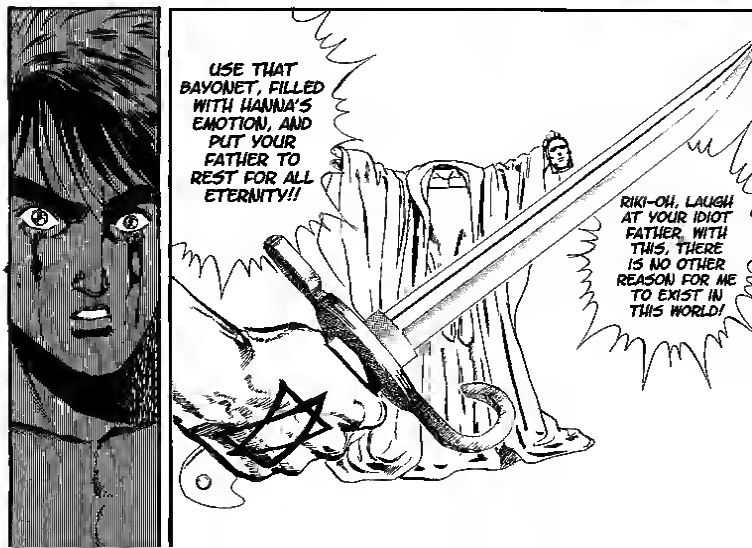

BY HEARING THE VOICE OF MY CHILD CALL OUT TO HIS FATHER, I HAVE REALIZED THE ERROR OF MY WAYS

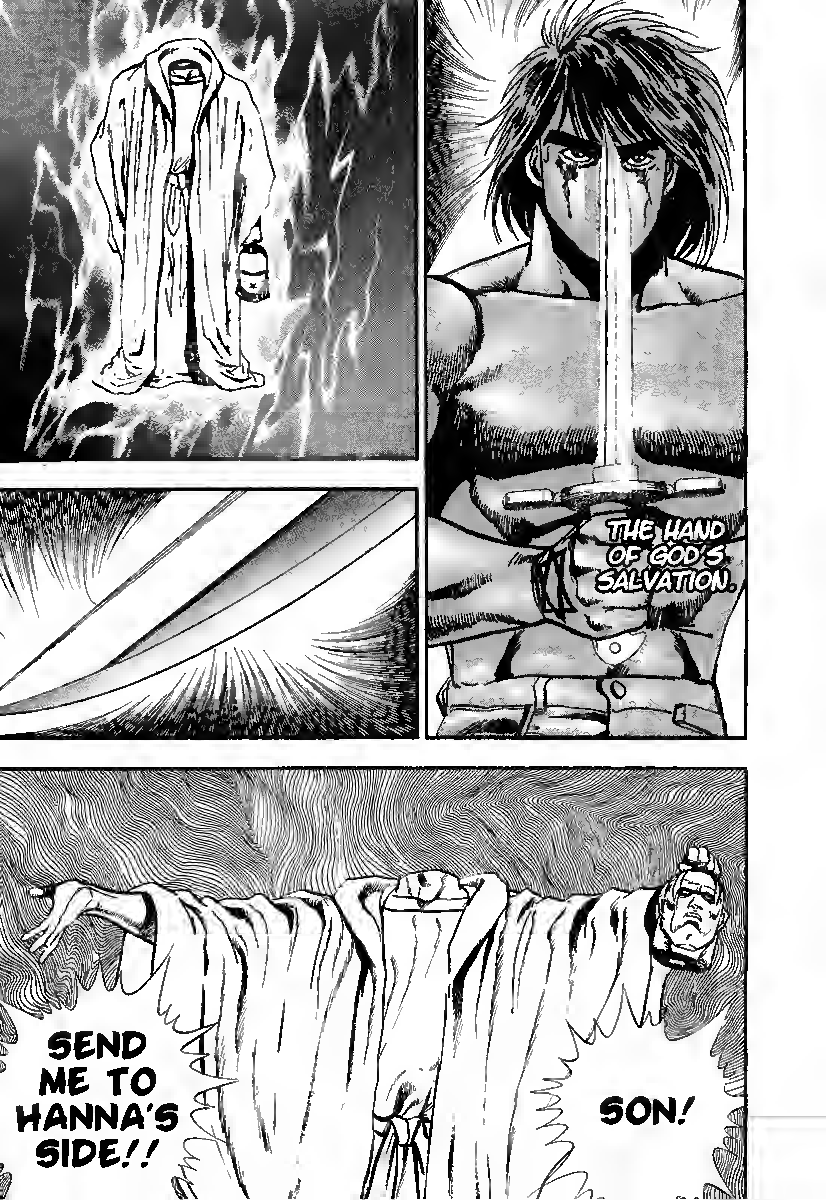


THIS IS MOTHER'S BAYONET.

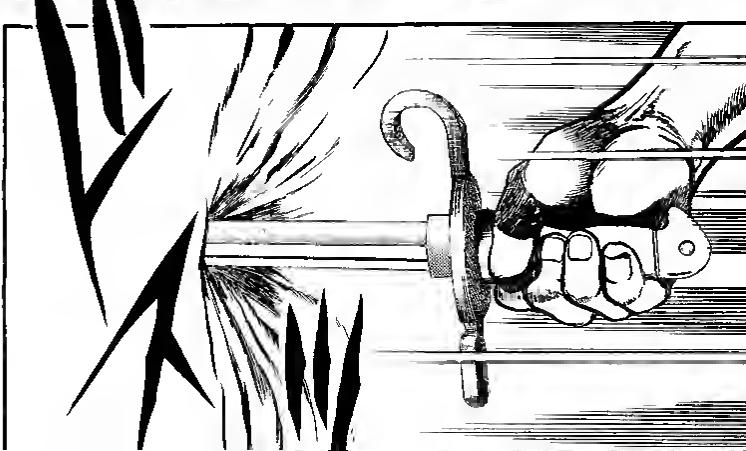

USE THAT BAYONET, FILLED WITH HANNA'S EMOTION, AND PUT YOUR FATHER TO REST FOR ALL ETERNITY!!
RIKI-OH, LAUGH AT YOUR IDIOT FATHER. WITH THIS, THERE IS NO OTHER REASON FOR ME TO EXIST IN THIS WORLD!

TH.. THERE'S
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD DO THAT!
STAB ME WITH THAT BLADE!
NOW, RIKI-OH!
FREE ME FROM THE PAIN OF IMMORTALITY!!
THERE IS NO MEANING FOR ME LEFT IN THIS WORLD!!
PLEASE HAND TO ME ETERNAL SLUMBER.
uuu...

RIKI-OH! IF YOU HAVE THE HEART TO FORGIVE YOUR FATHER, THEN YOU WILL GIVE PEACE TO HIS SOUL!
MUKAI IS WISHING FOR ETERNAL DARKNESS.
"GOD" IS SEEKING SALVATION.
THE HAND OF GOD'S SALVATION...


THE HAND OF GOD'S SALVATION.
SEND ME TO HANNA'S SIDE!!
SON!

FATHEE
EERRR!!



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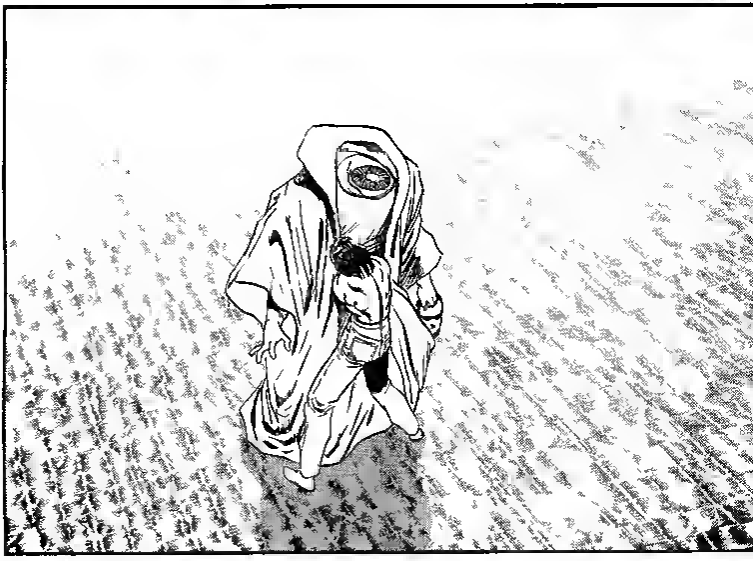
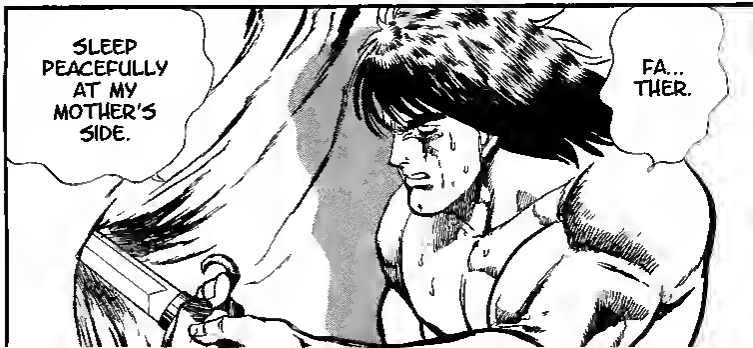
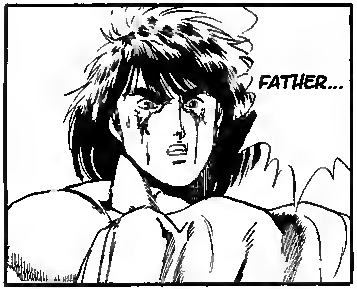



SLEEP PEACEFULLY AT MY MOTHER'S SIDE.
FA... THER.

SON...
YOU ARE THE ONLY PROOF THAT YOUR FATHER EXISTED IN THE "WORLD OF HUMANS." AND THE ONLY SEED OF HOPE.
FATHER...

RIKI-
OHHH!!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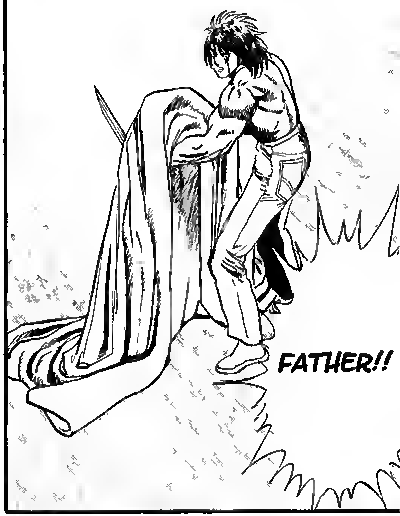
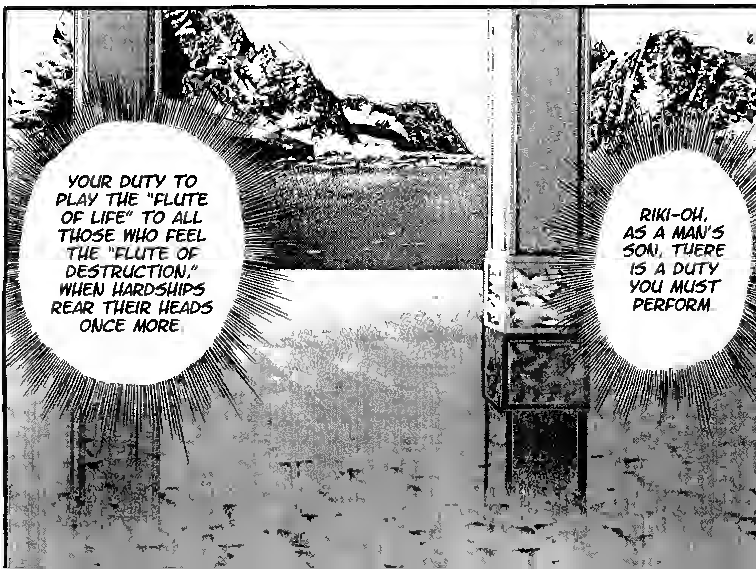
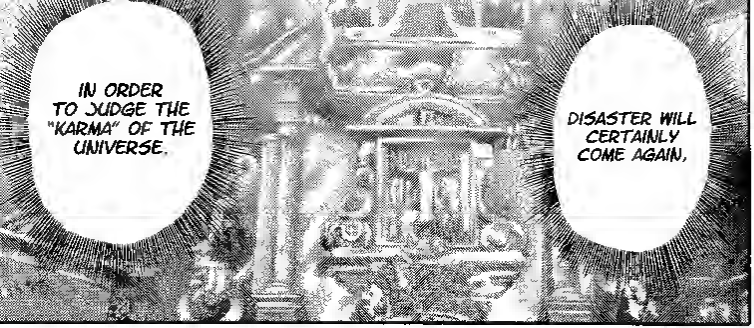
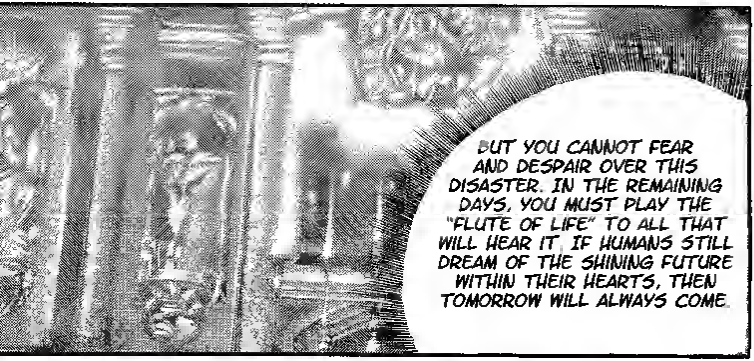
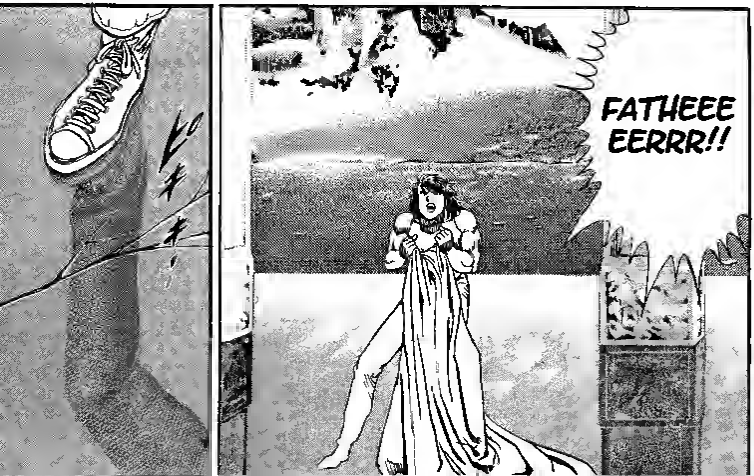

FATHER!!


YOUR DUTY TO PLAY THE "FLUTE OF LIFE" TO ALL THOSE WHO FEEL THE "FLUTE OF DESTRUCTION," WHEN HARDSHIPS REAR THEIR HEADS ONCE MORE
RIKI-OH, AS A MAN'S SON, THERE IS A DUTY YOU MUST PERFORM


IN ORDER TO JUDGE THE "KARMA" OF THE UNIVERSE,
DISASTER WILL CERTAINLY COME AGAIN,


BUT YOU CANNOT FEAR AND DESPAIR OVER THIS DISASTER. IN THE REMAINING DAYS, YOU MUST PLAY THE "FLUTE OF LIFE" TO ALL THAT WILL HEAR IT. IF HUMANS STILL DREAM OF THE SHINING FUTURE WITHIN THEIR HEARTS, THEN TOMORROW WILL ALWAYS COME.


FATHEEE EERRR!!

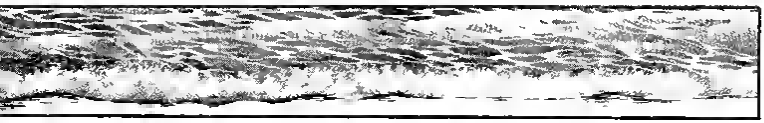
RUN!!
THE FOUNDATION OF THE PALACE IS CRUMBLING!
RIKI-OHHHH!
RIKI-OH, HURRY, HURRY! GET OVER HERE!!
AKUTA, BILL!

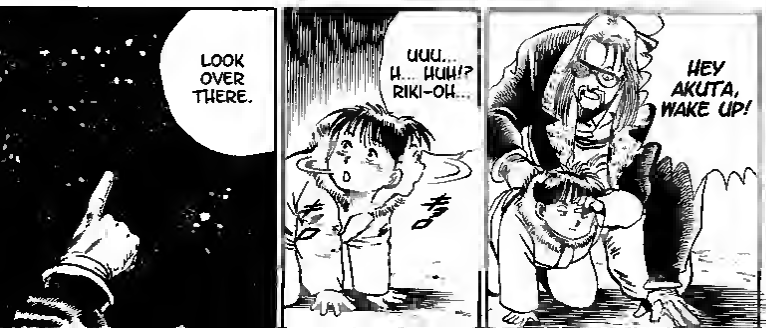
WHAT ABOUT YOU, YONA?
THIS UNDERGROUND PASSAGE CONNECTS TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN. THE BIG FISH WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY.
NOW GO, RIKI-OH!
THIS LONG LIFE OF MINE HAS BECOME BORING
HOHOHO. NOW THAT MUKAI IS GONE FROM THIS WORLD, THERE IS NO REASON FOR ME TO REMAIN
DON'T ASK ME ABOUT BORING STUFF FROM THE PAST LIKE THAT. YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD JUST THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE
YONA, COULD IT BE THAT YOU ARE ALSO A DESCENDANT FROM THE TEN FAMILIES OF JUDEAH!?
NOW GO, RIKI-OH!

KU... KUKU..

Y... YOU'RE!

THIS MATERIAL WORLD IS NOTHING LESS THAN THE "WORLD AFTER DEATH."
EVERYONE IN THIS WORLD HAS BEEN "FORGIVEN."
AND NOW THEY WAIT TO BE REINCAR-NATED
"FORGIVING, AND BEING FORGIVEN BY HUMANS WILL ALLOW PEOPLE TO FORGIVE THEMSELVES."
THESE ONES HAVE ALL GONE BEYOND LOVE AND HATE, AND PASSED ON TO THE NEXT WORLD
THEN, HAVE I TOO BEEN FORGIVEN!?
EVERY-ONE DIES IN DARK-NESS...
DEATH... DEATH... DEATH... DEATH.
BIRTH... BIRTH... BIRTH... BIRTH. EVERYONE IS BORN IN DARKNESS.




LOOK OVER THERE.
UUU... H... HUH!? RIKI-OH...
HEY AKUTA, WAKE UP!

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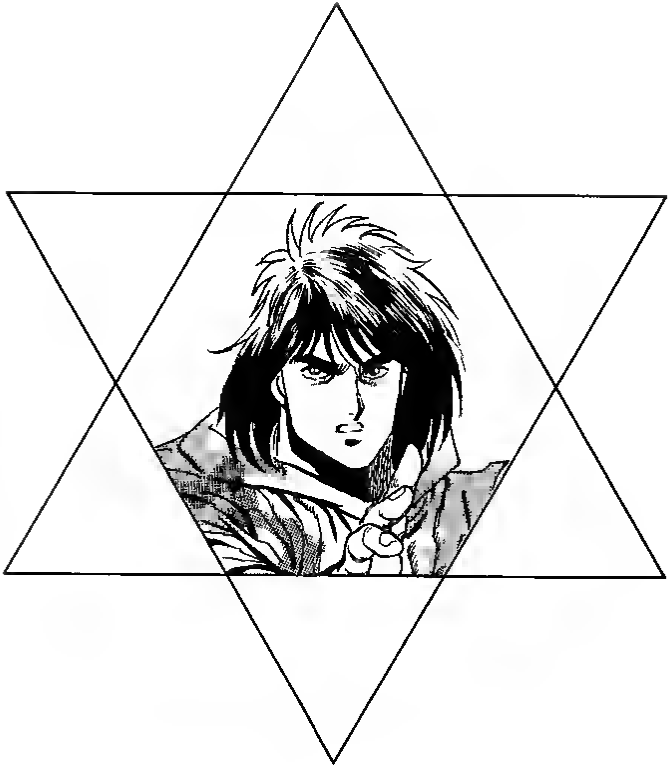
FATHER WHAT IS THAT!?
THIS...
THIS IS THE FLUTE OF LIFE.



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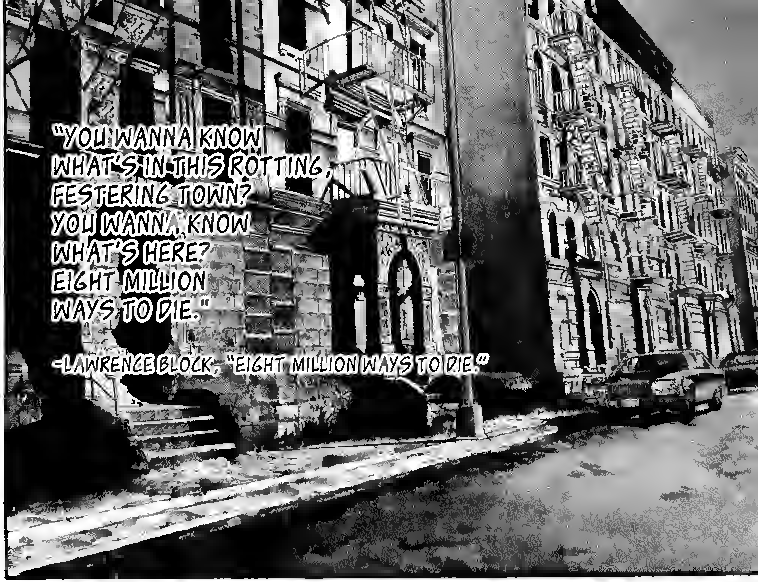
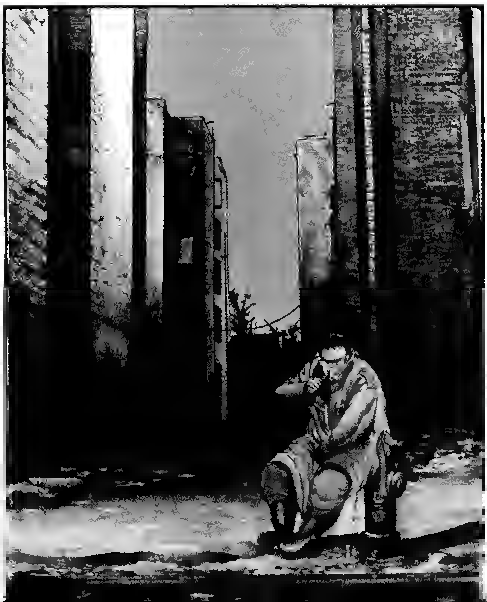

"YOU WANNA KNOW
WHAT'S IN THIS ROTTING,
FESTERING TOWN?
YOU WANNA KNOW
WHAT'S HERE?
EIGHT MILLION
WAYS TO DIE."
-LAWRENCE BLOCK, "EIGHT MILLION WAYS TO DIE."



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IT'S TURKEY!
IT'S THE JAP
TURKEY!
WOOHH!

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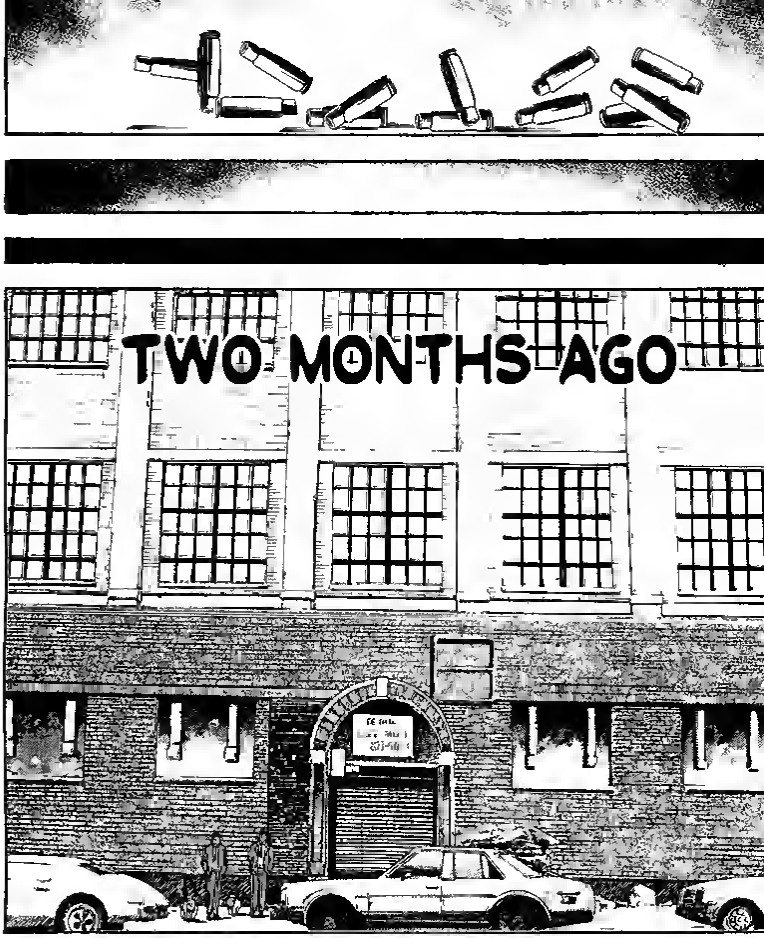
UOOHHHHH!



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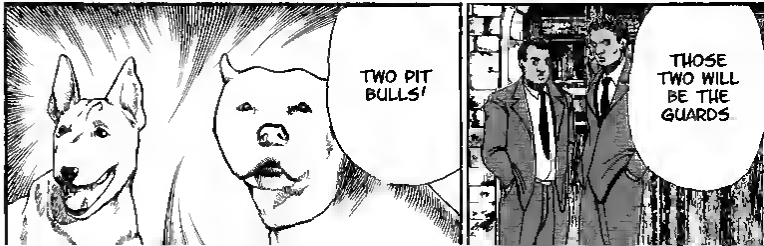
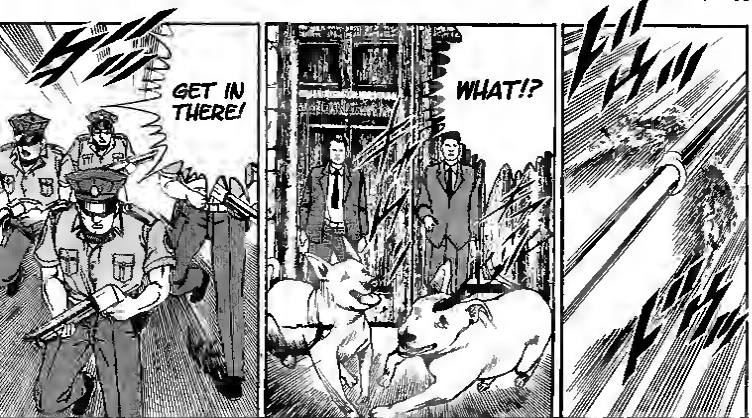


TAKI RENTAROU (NICKNAME: TURKEY)

Born in Japan, but married an American wife. One daughter. After receiving his green card, he entered a police academy, and graduated with the lowest score. After spending some time in a South Bronx substation, he was transfered to the drug unit, where he is now.



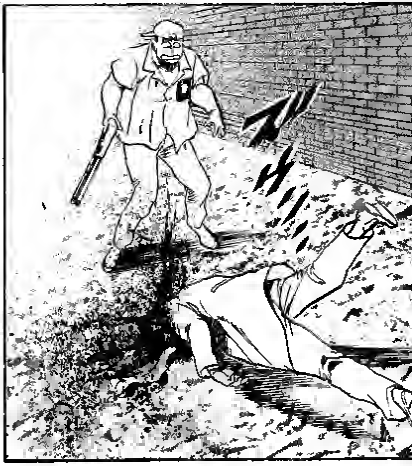
SON OF A BITCH!
IT'S THE PO-PO!
GYAMUUU!
HIIIEE!

DON'T MOVE!
YOU FUCKIN' JAP!
KEH!
YOU AIN'T GETTING AWAY!

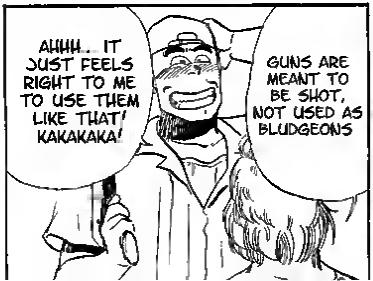
HIIIEE!
DON'T FUCK WITH THE JAPANESE!

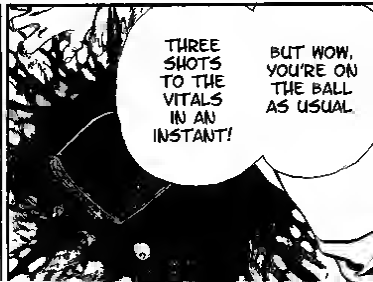
ANY RESISTANCE AND YOU'RE GETTING POPPED!
I HAVE A SICK MOTHER!
HIIEE! DON'T SHOOT!
KUH!
EH?
HYAHAHA! DIIIIEEEEEE!

TURKEY.. I TOLD YOU NEVER TO LET YOUR GUARD DOWN UNTIL THE END, DIDN'T I?

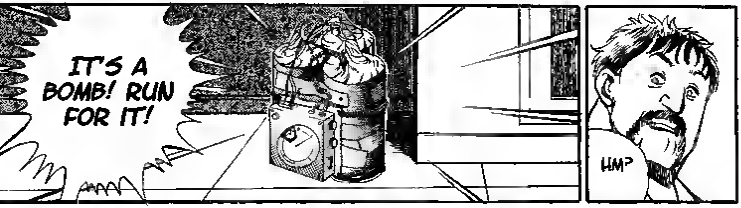


I thought I was about to go see my deceased grandmother!
YOU SAVED ME, BALBOA!


AHHH.. IT JUST FEELS RIGHT TO ME TO USE THEM LIKE THAT! KAKAKAKA!
GUNS ARE MEANT TO BE SHOT, NOT USED AS BLUDGEONS


THREE SHOTS TO THE VITALS IN AN INSTANT!
BUT WOW, YOU'RE ON THE BALL AS USUAL

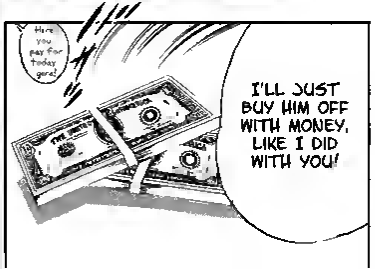
THE BOSS, LUCIANNO, AIN'T HERE EITHER!
KEH! FUCK IF I KNOW! ALL I GOT IS ONE HAND FULL OF COKE AND THE OTHER HAND FULL OF WANNABE GANGSTERS!
CARLOS, HOW ARE THINGS INSIDE?


IT'S A BOMB! RUN FOR IT!
HM?

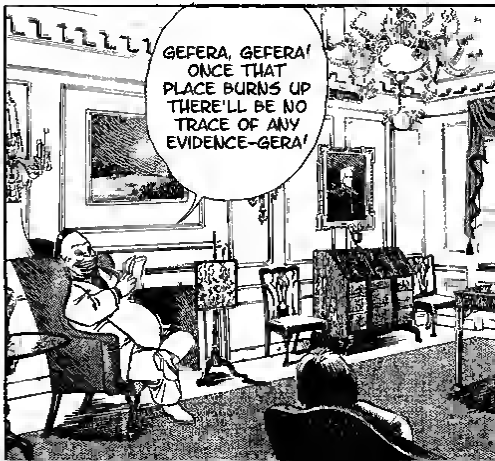
LUCIANNO'S ESTATE

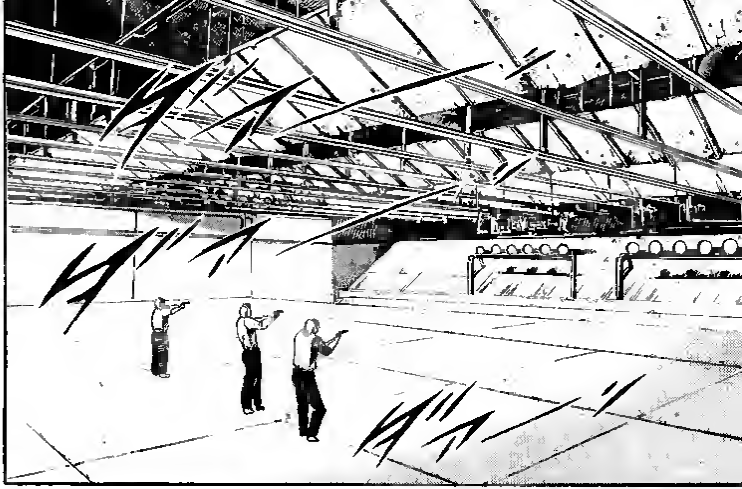
AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, SMOKE HIS ASS!

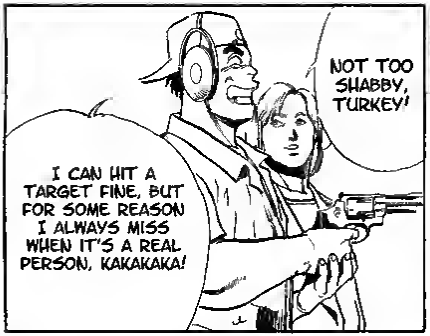
BUT THERE'S A MAN ON THE FORCE WHO'S JUST BURNING TO GET HIS HANDS ON YOU

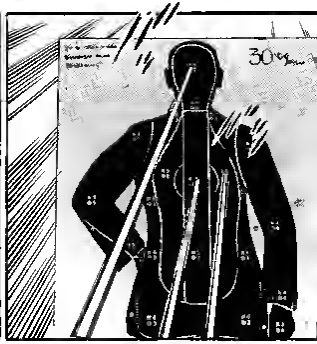

Here you pay for today, gera!
I'LL JUST BUY HIM OFF WITH MONEY, LIKE I DID WITH YOU!

NO ONE CAN POSSIBLY CATCH ME-GERA! GEFERA, GEFERA!


GEFERA, GEFERA! ONCE THAT PLACE BURNS UP THERE'LL BE NO TRACE OF ANY EVIDENCE-GERA!




NOT TOO SHABBY, TURKEY!
I CAN HIT A TARGET FINE, BUT FOR SOME REASON I ALWAYS MISS WHEN IT'S A REAL PERSON, KAKAKAKA!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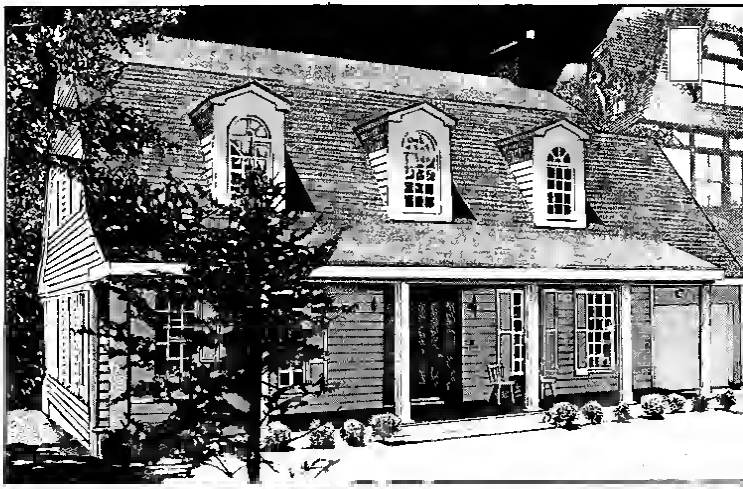
FUCK YOU

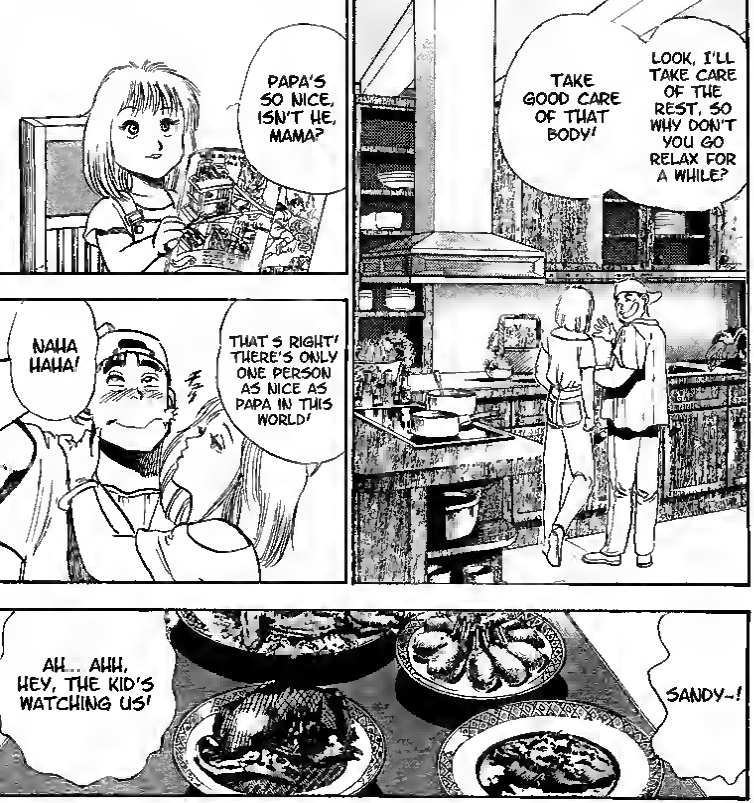
FUCK YOU

WOMEN, CHILDREN, IT DOESN'T MATTER! IF THEY HAVE MONEY, THAT CORSICAN SON OF A BITCH WILL SELL IT TO THEM!
LUCIANNO IS THE MAN WHO CONTROLS ALL THE DRUG SMUGGLING THAT GOES ON HERE IN THE BRONX!
DON'T LOSE YOUR COOL, CARLOS
DON'T LOSE MY COOL!? I'VE BEEN TRACKING THAT LUCIANNO BASTARD FOR HALF A YEAR, AND THEN THAT SHIT HAPPENS!
THERE'S PROBABLY EVEN ONE OR TWO PEOPLE HERE IN SOUTH BRONX THAT ARE UNDER HIS CONTROL!
HE THINKS HE CAN PAY OFF ANYONE. HE EVEN HAS CONNECTIONS WITHIN THE POLICE! THAT'S WHY WE'RE HAVING SO MUCH TROUBLE TAILING HIM.
STARTING WITH THE BASTARDS HE'S EMPLOYING HERE IN OUR UNIT!
I'M GOING TO EX-TERMINATE EVERY LAST INCH OF HIM,
BUT I'M NOT GIVING UP YET!

CARLOS, HOW ABOUT COMING TO MY PLACE TONIGHT?
I WANNA HAVE A PARTY
PARTY?
AH, WELL, YOU KNOW, IT'S BECAUSE I JUST RECENTLY HAD A SECOND KID.
YOU LITTLE... YOUR WIFE'S A HOTTIE, SO I BET YOU'RE BANGING HER EVERY NIGHT, AREN'T YA!?
WAHHH, DON'T HIT ME FOR REAL!

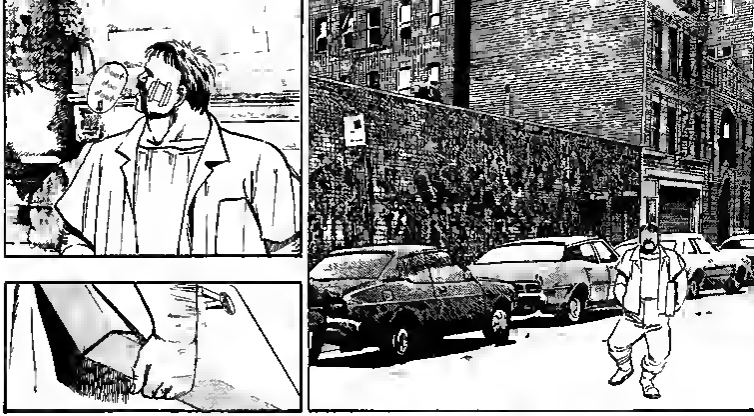


IF YOU MADE IT, THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD BE BAD!
PREGNANCY MAKES MY TASTEBUDS WEAKER, SO I'M NOT SURE HOW GOOD IT TASTES...


PAPA'S SO NICE, ISN'T HE, MAMA?
TAKE GOOD CARE OF THAT BODY!
LOOK, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST, SO WHY DON'T YOU GO RELAX FOR A WHILE?
NAHA HAHA!
THAT'S RIGHT! THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON AS NICE AS PAPA IN THIS WORLD!

AH... AHH, HEY, THE KID'S WATCHING US!
SANDY-!

SONY
SONY
SONY
MIDORI
MELON
THE PEOPLE



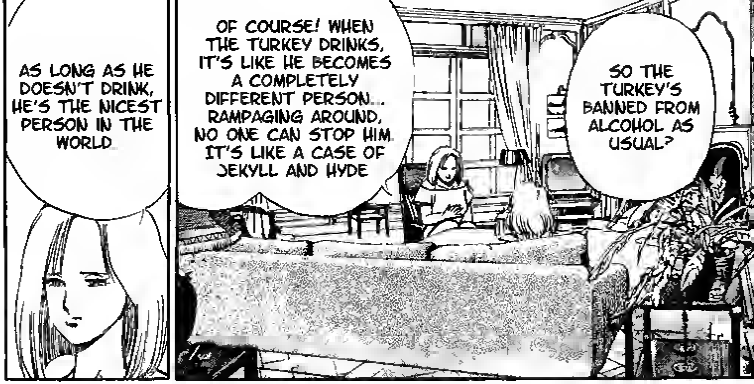
UUU!!

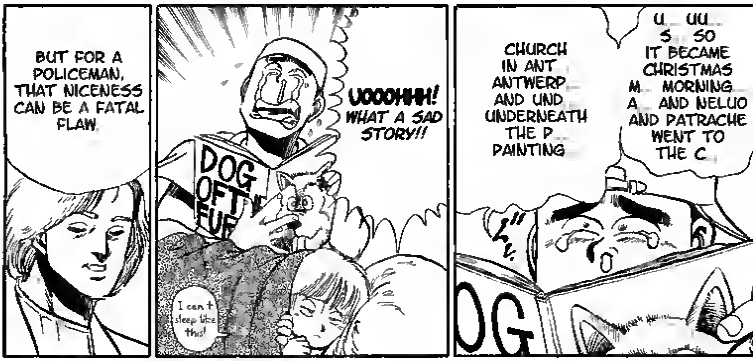
GEFERA, GEFERA! SO YOU'RE CARLOS!
Y... YOU'RE ...!!

EVEN THE AMERICANS AND THE SOVIETS ARE BEING NICE TO EACH OTHER THESE DAYS-GERA! THE POLICE AND THE MAFIA SHOULD DO THE SAME-GERA!
COME NOW, CARLOS... HUMANS SHOULD JOIN HANDS AND BE NICE TO EACH OTHER, SHOULDN'T THEY-GERA?
WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE, YOU KNOW... IF SOMEONE LIKE YOU IS SNOOPING AROUND ALL THE TIME.
Y... YOU BASTARD!
FUCK YOU!!
UGAHHH!
BANG
BANG

C'MON, SHOOT HIM A GOODBYE SHOT.
GEFERA, GEFERA! YOU'RE ONE DUMB PIECE OF SHIT, AREN'T YOU-GERA?
UGGH...
OKAY, BOSS.
Y... YOU...!?

I HEARD ABOUT YOU FROM MY HUSBAND, BALBOA YOU SAVED HIM AGAIN, RIGHT?
YOU'RE LATE, BALBOA!
AH, YEAH, I HAD SOMETHING TO CARE OF.
I'M ALWAYS THANKING YOU TWO! HEHEHEH!
YEAH! IT'S BECAUSE I ALWAYS GET SUPPORT FROM PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND CARLOS THAT A GUY LIKE ME CAN CONTINUE BEING AN OFFICER!
BAT MAN
HEY, PAPA! READ ME A STORY BEFORE I GO TO BED!
Here's some milk.
NONE FOR YOU!
HAHAHA! THANKS TO YOU, CARLOS AND I HAVE BECOME BETTER SHOTS
ALRIGHTY!
HEY, SANDY, MIND IF I HAVE A DRINK TOO?
JACK DANIEL'S
Tennessee
WHISKEY


AS LONG AS HE DOESN'T DRINK, HE'S THE NICEST PERSON IN THE WORLD
OF COURSE! WHEN THE TURKEY DRINKS, IT'S LIKE HE BECOMES A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON... RAMPAGING AROUND, NO ONE CAN STOP HIM. IT'S LIKE A CASE OF JEKYLL AND HYDE
SO THE TURKEY'S BANNED FROM ALCOHOL AS USUAL?


BUT FOR A POLICEMAN, THAT NICENESS CAN BE A FATAL FLAW
UOOOHHH! WHAT A SAD STORY!!
DOG OF FLANDERS
I can't sleep like this!
CHURCH IN ANT ANTWERP AND UND UNDERNEATH THE P PAINTING
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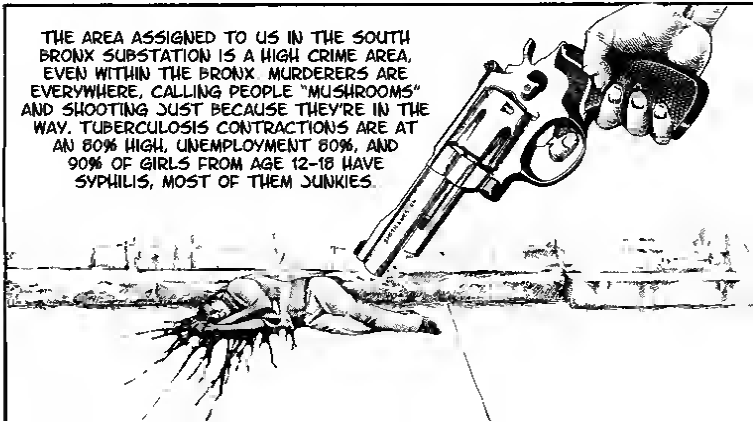
THE AREA ASSIGNED TO US IN THE SOUTH BRONX SUBSTATION IS A HIGH CRIME AREA, EVEN WITHIN THE BRONX MURDERERS ARE EVERYWHERE, CALLING PEOPLE "MUSHROOMS" AND SHOOTING JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE IN THE WAY. TUBERCULOSIS CONTRACTIONS ARE AT AN 80% HIGH, UNEMPLOYMENT 80%, AND 90% OF GIRLS FROM AGE 12-18 HAVE SYPHILIS, MOST OF THEM JUNKIES.

IF A MAN CAN'T LEARN TO PULL THE TRIGGER WITHOUT RESTRAINT LIKE CARLOS AND I, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE ON IN A WORLD LIKE THAT
EMOTION DOESN'T DO A THING TO THEM, THEY JUST ANSWER VIOLENCE WITH MORE VIOLENCE

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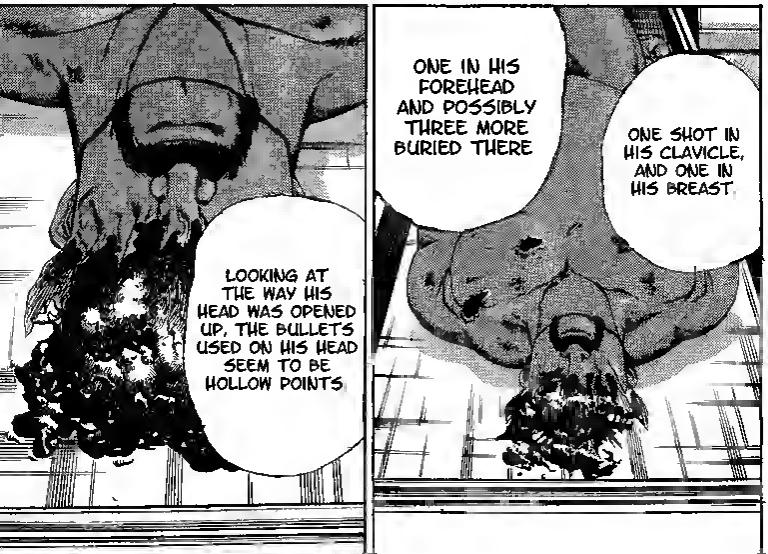
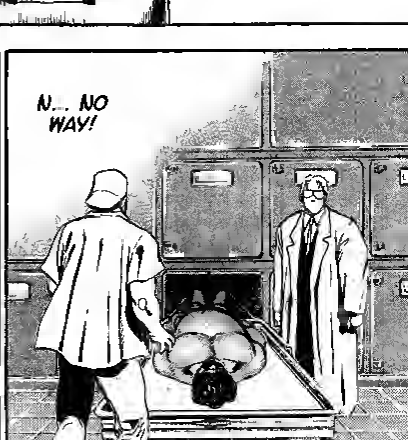
offers a
$10,000 CASH REWARD


LOOKING AT THE WAY HIS HEAD WAS OPENED UP, THE BULLETS USED ON HIS HEAD SEEM TO BE HOLLOW POINTS
ONE IN HIS FOREHEAD AND POSSIBLY THREE MORE BURIED THERE
ONE SHOT IN HIS CLAVICLE, AND ONE IN HIS BREAST

CA.. CARLOS!

DO YOU KNOW WHY CARLOS WAS SO INSISTENT ON CATCHING LUCIANNO, TURKEY?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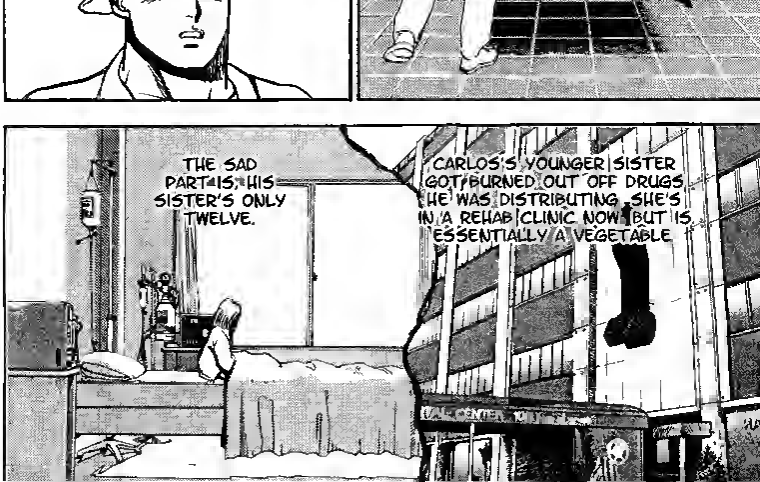
THE SAD PART IS, HIS SISTER'S ONLY TWELVE.
CARLOS'S YOUNGER SISTER GOT BURNED OUT OFF DRUGS HE WAS DISTRIBUTING. SHE'S IN A REHAB CLINIC NOW BUT IS ESSENTIALLY A VEGETABLE

UOOOHH!
CAAAR-
LOSSS!
ふぁ
I ASSUME IT'S SOME KIND OF PRESENT FOR YOU
THIS WAS SITTING NEXT TO THE CORPSE WHEN WE FOUND IT
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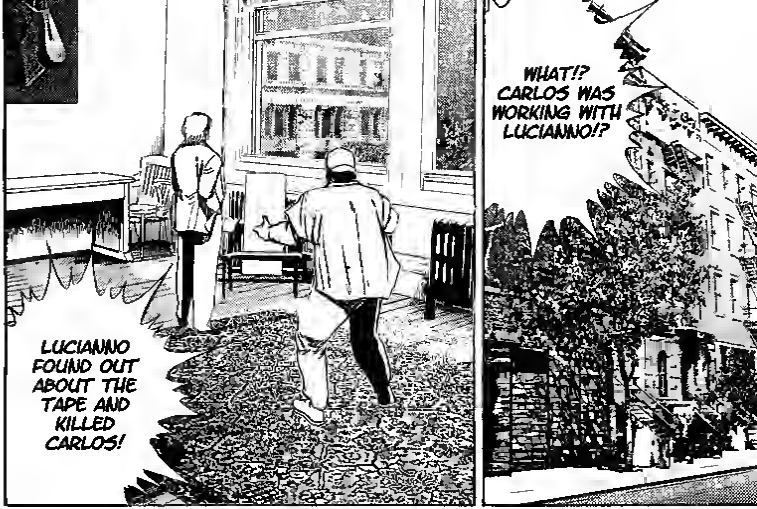
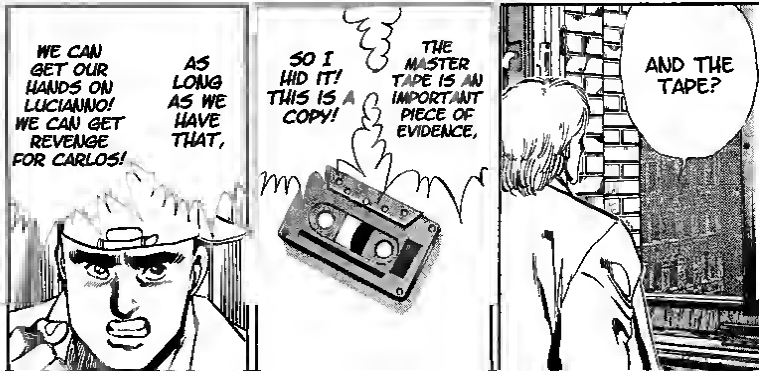
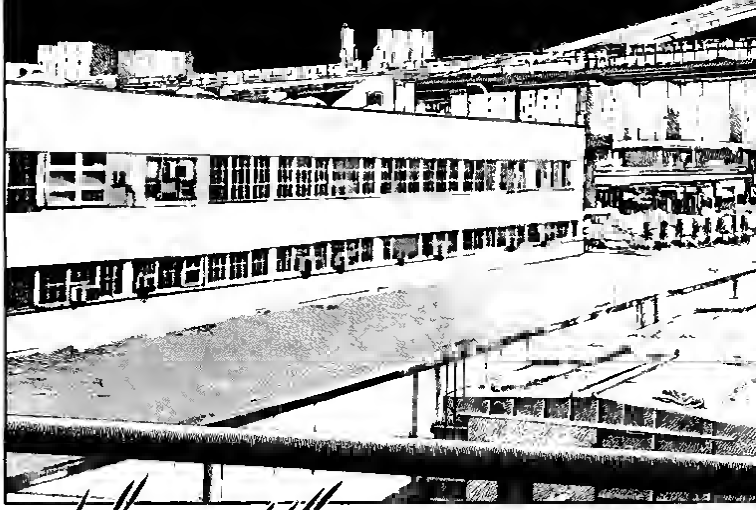
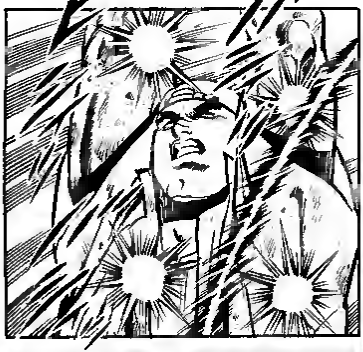

LUCIANNO FOUND OUT ABOUT THE TAPE AND KILLED CARLOS!
WHAT!? CARLOS WAS WORKING WITH LUCIANNO!?

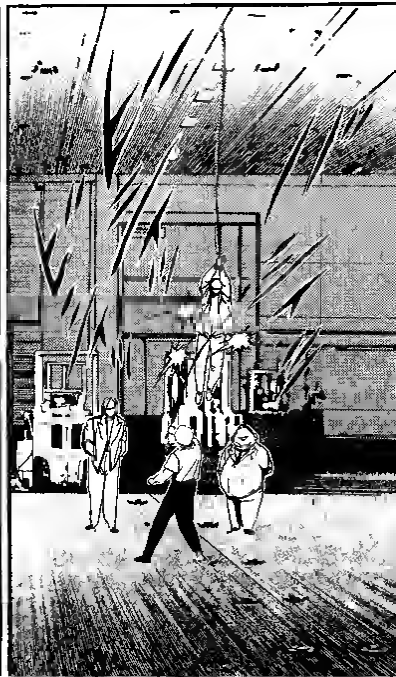
HE WAS WORKING A SIDE-BUSINESS, CLEANING DIRTY MONEY AT A CASINO. FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF THE FUNDS, THE REASON WHY HE DIED IS CRYSTAL CLEAR.
THE TAPE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRUG RING IN SOUTH AMERICA THAT SUPPLIES LUCIANNO AND ABOUT THE EXPLOSIVES THAT WERE USED IN THE PAST INCIDENT.


WE CAN GET OUR HANDS ON LUCIANNO! WE CAN GET REVENGE FOR CARLOS!
AS LONG AS WE HAVE THAT,
SO I HID IT! THIS IS A COPY!
THE MASTER TAPE IS AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF EVIDENCE,
AND THE TAPE?

I'M AFRAID I CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT.
LUCIANNO IS AN IMPORTANT SPONSOR OF MINE.
BA... BALBOA!

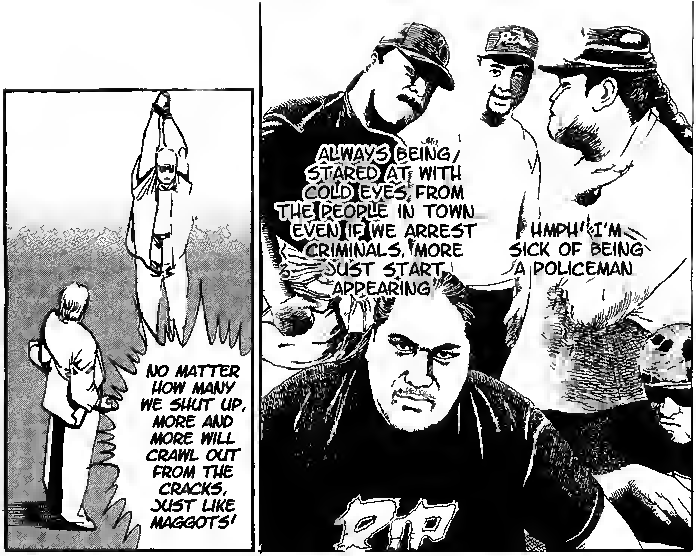




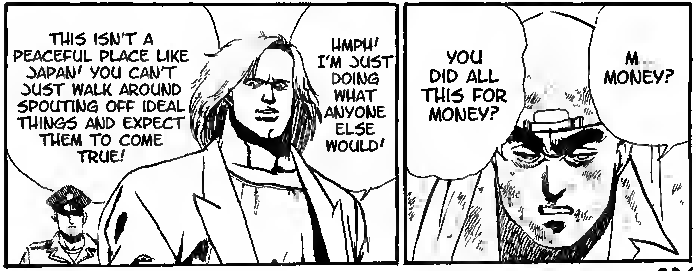


GEFERA, GEFERA! WHERE DID YOU HIDE THE MASTER TAPE!?

COUGH IT UP!!
YOU DAMN JAP!
FUCK YOU!
FHHHH! WHAT A STUBBORN BASTARD!
WHY WOULD YOU...
BA... BALBOA... W... WHY?
WHUUU!?


NO MATTER HOW MANY WE SHUT UP, MORE AND MORE WILL CRAWL OUT FROM THE CRACKS, JUST LIKE MAGGOTS!
ALWAYS BEING STARED AT WITH COLD EYES FROM THE PEOPLE IN TOWN EVEN IF WE ARREST CRIMINALS, MORE JUST START APPEARING
HMPH! I'M SICK OF BEING A POLICEMAN

AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I'M BETTER OFF WORKING WITH LUCIANNO AND GETTING RID OF SMALL-TIME CROOKS WITH A LITTLE EXTRA PAY ON THE SIDE
EVEN IF LUCIANNO IS PUT AWAY, ANOTHER ORGANIZATION WILL JUST APPEAR


THIS ISN'T A PEACEFUL PLACE LIKE JAPAN! YOU CAN'T JUST WALK AROUND SPOUTING OFF IDEAL THINGS AND EXPECT THEM TO COME TRUE!
HMPH! I'M JUST DOING WHAT ANYONE ELSE WOULD!
YOU DID ALL THIS FOR MONEY?
M... MONEY?

GEFERA, GEFERA! I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL YOU LIKE CARLOS,
BUT YOU'D BETTER COUGH UP THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE TAPE OR ELSE!
A... ARE YOU...
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO KILLED CARLOS?
FUFUFUFU! THAT'S RIGHT! YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT, YA JAP TURKEY!?
DID YOU KILL CARLOS AND THEN COME OVER TO MY PLACE!?

H... HEY! WHAT ABOUT THE TAPE?
LET'S GO, LUCIANNO.
THIS MAN LOVES HIS FAMILY. IF WE GET OUR HANDS ON HIS WIFE, HE'LL TELL US ANYTHING.
B... BALBOAAA!!
NO WAY!
N...
SANDY!
RIGHT, TURKEY?

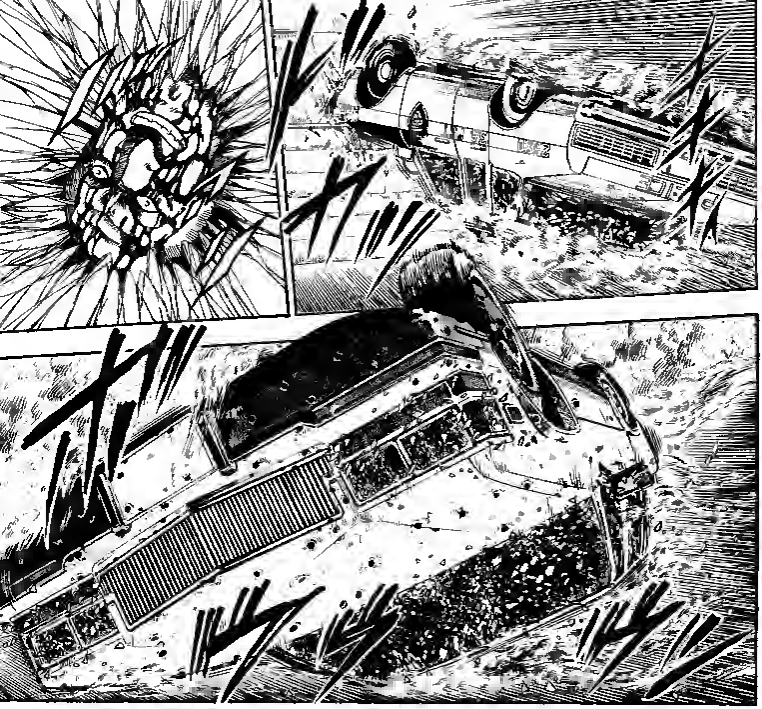
HIIEE!
UOOOO
OHHHHHH!
EHH!?

SANDYY YYYYY!

HANAKO!
SANDY...
MOVE IT!!

SANDYYY YYYYYY!!
WAIT, YOU IDIOT!
HE'S CRAZY! THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD SAVE ANYONE INSIDE THAT FIRE!
HANAKO!
SANDY!!

WAOOOOO
OHHHHH!!



HAHHHEEE!!

BUT IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO SHOOT THEY WON'T DO SHIT FUFUFU!
AN M60 AND A MOUNTAIN RIFLE MAY BE SCARY TO LOOK AT,
SO YOU'RE STILL ALIVE, TURKEY.
DRAW, BALBOA.
DON'T FUCK WITH ME!
YOU WANNA HAVE A SHOOTOUT WITH ME? A MAN LIKE YOU, WHO CAN'T EVEN SHOOT A HUMAN...

WAIT, PLEASE, TURKEY!
UUU... WA... WAIT!
BALBOA!
IF I DIE... THERE'LL BE SAD PEOPLE!
I... I HAVE A FAMILY TOO, YOU KNOW!
I... I SURRENDER! I PROMISE, SO... SO PLEASE, SPARE MY LIFE...
P... PLEASE, TURKEY!

YOU BASTARDS AREN'T HUMAN!!
.....
FAHAHAHA, WHAT AN IDIOT!

CARRYING SUCH BIG GUNS LIKE THAT?
WH WHAT DID THAT MAN BUY?
A BUNDLE OF FRUIT AND A BUNDLE OF FLOWERS
SUPERI
RETTE
FRESH MEATS
FROZEN FOOD
TH.. THANK YOU, SIR!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME NEVER TO LET MY GUARD DOWN, BALBOA.
MY WIFE AND CHILD SUFFERED HORRIBLE WOUNDS IN THE FIRE, BUT MIRACULOUSLY, THEY MANAGED TO SURVIVE AND ARE NOW BEING HOSPITALIZED
NY DUST END

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